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Divorce: A law nobody wants

'Deeply flawed' bill saved after Labour forces concessions from Government

Rebecca Smithers

FTER 12 months of bitter opposition from the Tory moral magious leaders and lawyers, the most controversial piece of legislation since the poll tax will become law upon Royal Assent in a few days.

The failure of the Family Law Bill centreplece of the Government's legislative proramme, would have been a serious blow for the beleazuered John Major and would have prompted the resigna-tion of its chief architect, the Chancellor. Lord

It was saved when Labour wrenched an eleventh-hour concession to divide pensions in spite of continuing resis-tance from rightwing Tory

The Family Law Act, which as designed to stem the rising tide of marriage break-up in England and Wales, will come-into effect in 1998. It will in-troduce the most fundamental years, but it has been changed pevond all recognition from the bill which was originally

published last year. The act will scrap quickie" divorces and introduce "no-fault" divorce after an 18-month waiting period, which the Government beiseves will reduce the acrimony of marriage break-up and make it easier to resolve issues such as the welfare of

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everything we can to produce a Bill which is sensible and takes account of as many different points of view as it is possible to do within the

But Labour, which nominally supported the bill, has

threatening to kill off the bill completely unless the Gov-ernment agreed to its demands for a package of fresh

Ministers agreed last we to accept Labour's demands and representation of children in divorce proce but it became clear over the weekend that they were dig-ging their heels in on the thorny issue of pension-split-

Labour peer Baroness Hollis.

Tory rightwing rebels opposed the changes from the would undermine the institution of marriage and push up divorce rates.

campaign launched in the Lords by Baroness Young, former Leader of the Lords, was continued in the Commons by former minister Ed-

It triggered a spectacular Tory revolt on a "free vote" in committee stage, which children. Lord Mackay said forced the Government to lengthen the "cooling off

> retain the concept of fault was defeated, even though 110 Conservatives backed it.

Last night in the Commons, the Government half-heartedly agreed to accept Labour's new clause which gives the Lord Chancellor the power to introduce pension-splitting as soon as the new legislation comes into force — but only after Labour's legal affairs spokesman Paul Boateng had spokesman ratii boatein nat criticised Social Security Minister Oliver Heald's "grudging and mean-spirited response" to Labour's proresponse" to Labour's pro-posal. Mr Boateng said there would be no Family Law Bill

ramework of principle that I have outlined. as "a dog's breakfast" and "deeply flawed" as a result of the many changes conceded

to Tory rightwingers. Until last night's critical Third Reading, Labour was

ting — a change which was forced through the Lords by

A carefully orchestrated

ward Leigh. period" from 12 months to 18

months. At the same time, a bid to



With this ring . . . The Family Law Act is designed to stem the rising tide of marriage break-up. England and Wales have the highest divorce rate in Europe - Photograph David Shutde

Those in favour...

Wented tault to stay as ground for divolce, arguing divorce on demend would devalue memage but failed. Wanted waiting time to be extended from one year to two but only succeeded in winning Increase to 18 months.

cluded Labour's clause on the face of the bill He had also strongly criticised the Government's refusal to set out a timetable

for the measure, which minis-ters insisted was dependent upon a consultation exercise to be launched shortly. MPs were due to be given a free vote on rightwing rebels' amendments to introduce a new "conscience clause"

allowing divorce to be blocked on religious grounds, a six-month "litigation-free" zone - both of which the stage got under way last

Argued that ending tailed marriages will take longer under the Bill than at present which could add to rancour and strain for children. Wanted measures on domestic violence to be extended

unless the Government in | Government agreed to back. There was expected to be rebels to an amendment by their colleague Jim Lester again due to be accepted by the Government — which provides for an additional three-month waiting period

within the overall 18-month cooling-off period. Moves by Liberal Democrat MP David Alton and Tory MP Dame Jill Knight to introduce an "opt-out" clause from the divorce law was rejected without a vote. As the report

Lawyers

Failed to keep 12-month waiting period for all couples, and a guarantee that those on legal aid could choose between lawyers and mediators to resolve disputes. Around that amended backage

would be worse than current law night, Gary Streeter, minister in the Lord Chancellor's Department, flagged up the spirit of compromise by pro-posing that separated couples encouraged to undergo

counselling, a move demanded by Tory rightwing Mr Streeter said: "Let's not have first and second class marriages but let us strive to make all marriages first

But Labour made it clear it was not prepared to give the twice the average.

Government an easy time by Last year 175,000 couples pressing ministers to reveal

Church

Argued against removing fault, saying it would have de consequences for faithful backed tailed attempt to increase cooling off period

the cost of counselling to the

legislation, which was ini-

tially described as "cost-neu-tral". He said Labour would take into account the Govern-

ment's refusal to give a finan-

cial commitment to counsel

ling services in its deliberations on the remain-

were divorced.

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amendments, youngsters uncer 16 would face nearly two years of uncertainty over family future. Called for the re-introduction of 12-month cooling off period.

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contested divorce.

IRA to unleash Ulster violence, loyalists claim

Bomb hunt detectives trace taxi driver who handed over cash

David Sharrock

ERRORIST violence drew nearer to return-ing to Northern Ireland last night when loyalist para-militaries claimed that the IRA is about to resume fully its campaign of violence and warned that they were "pre-pared for all eventualities".

The Ulster Freedom Fighters, a loyalist group linked to the Ulster Democratic Party. which committed many atrociries before calling a ceasefire ir. October 1994, issued a brief statement to the BBC in Belfast which said that its "considered view" was that an IRA resumption of violence in Northern Ireland was

imminent. The bombing in Manchester was "a further demonstrater was "a further demonstra-tion that republicans do not seek a political resolution to the conflict" and therefore the UFF had "alerted its per-sonnel accordingly". The UFF remained prepared for all eventualities.

But the statement added that it remained fully committed to the peace process, and called, even at this late

done nothing to advance their cause. But senior loyalist sources believe that the ceasefire can yet be maintained, so long as the Government does not accede to further Sinn Fein demands.

The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, last night toured the devastated bomb site in Manchester, praising time the IRA explode a bomb the police operation to and say 'Stuff the peace procommunity".

Police hunting the bombers Gary McMichael, leader of last night said they had traced a taxi driver who last which has links with the UFF. Friday took more than £2,000 | called on the SDLP leader, in cash as payment for the John Hume, to sever his links stage, on the the IRA to van used in the bombing to a with Sinn fein president restore its ceasefire. Pressure motor dealer in Peterbor- Gerry Adams. "It is time for

on the loyalist leaderships is ough. Video footage from se-growing from hardliners who believe that the ceasefire has city centre was last night being examined detectives.

Loyalist politicians taking part in the all-party talks at Stormont yesterday admitted that the outlook is bleak. Billy Hutchinson of the Progressive Unionist Party, which has links with the Ulster Volunteer Force, said: "Every counter "a despicable act on cess', the closer we get to a unsuspecting resumption of loyalist violence.

disassociate itself from IRA violence intensified yesterday. The Irish prime minis-ter, John Bruton, said: "Sinn Fein now must speak not out of the lexicon of evasive words but straight from the

John Hume to cut loose. The Irish government will Those not interested in peace should be left behind." today review its contacts with Sinn Fehr.

A government spokesman said: "The real challenge now for Mr Adams himself is to The Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, had talks with the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, and afterwards agreed with the UFF that the IRA was prehas he yet gone to the IRA to ask for a ceasefire, and if not paring to restart the violence.
"The IRA is trying to give why? And does his party continue to support the 'armed struggle' of the IRA?" themselves a spurious excuse by provoking loyalists into reaction, and I hope that loy-alists will not fall into that Mr Adams yesterday said

that his party should not be "scapegoated" for the Manchester bombing, but refused to condemn it.
The Ulster Unionist MP. Pressure on Sinn Fein to Ken Maginnia, said it was

time to cut Sinn Fein out of the talks altogether. "Let's accept the fact that we cannot rehabilitate them, that there can be no metamor-

Inside activities of all inner-circle of convicted sex the US-led nuclear

A package to curb offenders, including house arrest, was unveiled by the Home Secretary.

World News France has joined Britain in the

loyalty war by agreement to share

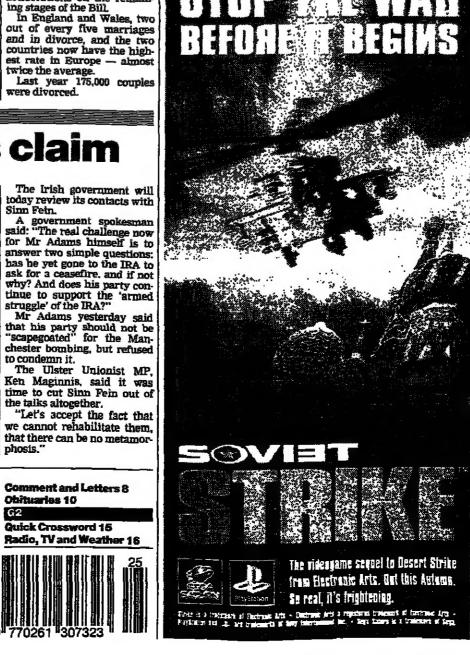
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Sketch

Free counselling Sex offenders face tagging for the love rats



Simon Hoggart

ACH unhappy family is unhappy in its own way," said Tolstoy (or possibly Trotsky. There are some Tory MPs who would certainly regard that as a suspiciously left-

I wouldn't know myself, but I read the News of the World and, like the House of Com-mons, it seems to believe that all marriages should be happy in much the same way.

Page after page of deviants: footballers, comedians, soap opera stars; last Sunday even a "top chef" who has been conducting a liaison with, aptly enough, the heiress to a

sausage fortune.
All of them are branded "love rats". Large public hotels become "top-secret love nests". Nobody ever does anything so mundane as have sex: they engage in "steamy romps". This forbidden pas-sion does seem to have a revitalising effect. "Super-stud ministers" can make love eight times a night, and then write a speech before return-ing to the field.

And there are so many of them. One gets the impression that half the male popuation spends all its leisure time engaged in adultery, and the other half devotes its working hours to finding

Now the Commons has decreed that tens of thousands of us must join another new service industry: marriage counselling. This will be offered free to a vast number of couples in danger of breaking up. As Dame Jill Knight (C Edgbaston) pointed out, in some parts of the country it is already impossible to find a counsellor inside 12 months. What, she implied, would happen to a service inundated by all those soap opera stars, footballers and ministers? Edward Leigh (C, Gains-borough) pointed out that

since the Government was go-ing to pay for all this counsel-ling from public funds, "a stream of gold will pour into the marriage industry". John Patten (C. Oxford W) was worried that as a conse-quence of this loot, cowboy

counsellors would spring up everywhere. He demanded a screening process, which leaves open the question: who will screen the screeners?

The debate was opened, appropriately enough, by a new minister. Mr Gary Streeter. He was pushed suddenly into the job last week because of the changes caused by the departure of Mr Rod Richards, whose steams and whose steamy sex romps and kinky bondage sessions caused his departure from the Welsh office. (Earlier, during Welsh questions, Mr Richards had sat bravely on his own, listening quietly to the answers for which he must have been preparing even 10

MPs on all sides congratulated Mr Streeter on his swift mastery of his brief, though I thought his claim that "we are going further than any previous Government to give support to marriage" was

hostage to fortune. It was Tony "Von" Marlow (C, Northampton N) who first inquired how expensive it would be to offer all this free counselling. None better than Mr Marlow to raise the question, since he has two com-plete families of his own, and f both broke up the PSBR

would skyrocket.

Dame Jill said that she was suspicious of agencies since they started to change their names. 'I have had my worries about Relate since they dropped the word marriage from their title," she said.

Mr Patten agreed that wa when the rot had set in Lis-tening to a debate in the House of Lords, he said, "I even heard the phrase 'couple counselling' fall from the lips of a noble prelate!" He made it sound like a dead bird falling from a cat's teeth.

I've never been to counselling, but I know many people who have. Most of them only want to be told their spouse is in the wrong. The title of my cowboy cutfit, designed to get all this money, will be some thing more realistic, such as "Ooh, He Never!" or "What Time Do You Call This, Then?" I'll make a fortune.

Review

Close encounter with artistic kind

Edward Greenfield the most taxing passages of double-stopping.

Before the second half, she Aldeburgh Festival Snape Maltings

HERE is no place quite like the Snape Maltings for bringing you into the warmest, closest contact with great artists. After Britten and Pears, one thinks of Rostropovich and Richter.

Perahia and Horszowski. It is one practical reason why, 20 years after Britten's death, the Aldeburgh Festival remains so distinctive, and this year's central recital of the fortnight, featuring not a blockbusting figure from abroad but a young British artist, was among the most

memorable in years.

If, last September, the star quality of the violinist. Tasmin Little, shone out at the last night of the Proms, this Aldeburgh recital amplified that achievement in bringing out deeper and even stronger qualities besides immediate magnetism. Striding on stage in a business-like manner, a grin on her face, she seemed determined from the start that we were going to enjoy things as much as she was. She paused barely a second before launching into Brahms's C minor Scherzo from the composite FAE Sonata, a substanial hors d'oeuvre, strongly

That led to an account of Bach's unaccompanied D minor Partita such as I have rarely if ever known in con-cert, concentrated and intense from first to last, with breath-catching moments of repose punctuating the biting energy, the tone both pure and rich,

addressed the audience, amplifying our programme note, telling us of the elegiac epi-logue which for her transforms the seemingly extrover Poulenc Violin Sonata. Her performance confirmed her promise, leading to pure fantasy in Szymanowski, redtasy in Szymanowski, red-blooded gypsy qualities in Ravel's Tzigane (with the pia-nist, John Lenehan, an equally exuberant partner) and encores full of wit and panache.

The recital 24 hours earlier

in St Edmund's church, South-wold, had many of the same qualities, not least the magn-tism of the two artists, the clarinetist, Michael Collins, and the pianist Kathryn Stott. There, too, the weight of the first half, Schubert and Brahms, led to French effer vescence in the second, Pou-lenc and Ravel, with Arthur Benjamin's Tombeau de Ravel providing an added surprise. A central theme of the 1996 festival is the music of Hans-Werner Henze, 70 this year, and Saturday brought revela tion in a concert performance of his ballet, Ondine, of 1957. revealing an open-hearted warmth such as Henze has

rarely allowed himself. Under Oliver Knussen, the London Sinfonietta gave a brilliant red-blooded

performance. Earlier in the day at Jubilee Hall, Anthony Payne cele-brated his 60th birthday with a delightfully mixed pro-gramme, memorable not least for music of his own involving his wife, the soprano, Jane Manning, and her brilliant group, Jane's Minstrels.

Ballet company forced to close midway through national tour

Dan Glaister Arts correpondent

ONDON City Ballet closed Lyesterday mid-way through a national tour, put-ting 32 dancers and 19 musicians out of work. The com-pany ceased irading and went into voluntary liquidation as its financial future could not

Dancers and musicians were told of the decision after Saturday night's performance of Cinderella at His Majesty Theatre in Aberdeen,

"We needed £30,000." said the artistic director. Harold King, who founded the comking, who founded the com-pany in 1978. "By 5pm Friday no one had come forward. We've has financial blips in the past. I didn't realise how had or sudden it would be."

The new measures on the

sentencing and supervision of sex offenders are far more

wide-ranging than was first expected, and include plans to

track the movements of rap-

ists and gay sex criminals as well as paedophiles. About 1,800 offenders each year will

The package was an-nounced alongside the intro-

duction of US-style minimum sentencing into the Scottish

legal system as part of what has been dubbed the Govern-ment's "law and order week".

A revised Victims' Charter is to be published today.

launched the consultation paper outlining the new mea-

sures to be taken against sex criminals before legislating this autumn. He said: "The

Government believes that we

need to strengthen the ar-

Mr Howard yesterday

Paedophiles will always beat system, says ex-offender

Howard unveils wide-ranging package of measures, including 'tracking' and powers of house arrest

PACKAGE of pow-ers, including elec-tronic tagging and periods of house ar-They're clever and organised. They will find rest, designed to restrict the activities of all convicted sex offenders and-not just paedophiles, was una way round veiled yesterday by the Home Secretary, Michael Howard. any regulation'

A CCORDING to John, a 38-year-old who served six months of an 18 month sentence for abusing chil-dren, paedophiles will always find a way to beat the

From his point of view, the Home Secretary's pro-

they are released from

☐ A new offence designed to ban convicted sex offenders from seeking employment involving access to children. This will cover both paid and unpaid employment, includ-ing voluntary posts such as scout leaders. It will shift the onus from the employer to the applicant but is to be accompanied by new measures to

posals are just more evidence of society's lack of understanding in dealing with paedophiles.

"The first thing on these people's minds is how they are going to get access to children," he said yester-day. "It is like an addiction. These people are clever and organised, so they will find a way round any regula-tion. They change their names or go abroad." For many, he said, prison

is less of a punishment than a place to meet other "A lot of knowledge goes through those gates. There were people in jail who had been abusing for 30 or 40 years. In prison, you have a

ensure that employers have controlled access to the non-coviction background records potential staff; ☐ Giving courts the power to

extend the period of supervision by probation officers after serious sex offenders prison. The courts will also have the power to impose conditions on the conduct of offenders. These may include confining them to temporary victed sex offenders. This

indulge their fantasies Even the most sophisti-cated obstacles outlined in the proposals, such as DNA testing, are not insurmountable to the determined paedophile, he

John, who attended a therapy group in an at-tempt to prevent him reof-fending, believes fooling people comes naturally to child abusers, because they spend so much of the time lying to themselves.

"You have to be an accomplished lies that see

complished liar, that goes with the territory. I would convince myself that I was

house arrest at times when would enable samples to be children are travelling bome taken from about 3,500 sex offrom school or banning them from going near public places before DNA sampling became like swimming pools. These legal in April 1995; restrictions may be moni-Requiring convicted sex oftored by electronic tagging.
Offenders could also be required to undertake treat-

thought

fenders to notify the police of and any subsequent moves:

different from the paedo-philes I read about in the papers, and I would make

nice geezer. Some of these people found out in the

most horrific way when I abused their children that I

wasn't quite what they

have to be made more aware of the dangers. At

the moment, they are too

willing to trust people, and

"Even now, I would never expect that trust from

people because I have

abused it in the past. No-one can ever stand up and

say I'm cured. There is no

that is very dangerous.

That's the key. Parents

raphy. Defence counsel would still have access under con-trolled conditions. The Home Office says that adult men convicted of sex of-

fences often describe a his tory of mainly undetected sex-ual offending which began in childhood and escalated to more serious offences often of a manipulative nature.

It leaves open exactly which sex offenders would have to register each time

The shadow Home Secretary, Jack Straw, gave a broad welcome to the pack: but said it did not go far enough in tackling the difficulties of securing convictions of sex offenders in the

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Vicar of Turville

first place.
But Peter Tatchell of the gay pressure group, OutRage, voiced concern that the proposals made no distinction beween consensual offences such as indecency and soliciting and serious sex offences such as rape and child abuse. He said: "Tens of thousands of gay and bisexual men have been convicted of victimless consenting behaviour with partners over the age of 16. All these men may now be penalised."

But the package was wel-comed by the Police Superintendents' Association.



A grief-stricken US infantryman, whose buddy has been killed in action, is comforted during the Korean war. A report claims 15 soldiers are still being held in North Korea

American POWs 'still alive in North Korea'

Philip Shenon in Washington

S MANY as 15 American soldiers taken pris-oner during the Korean war are still alive in North Korea and several may want to return to the United States. according to a defence depart-

The internal report contra-dicts Pentagon statements that it was unlikely many US soldiers might still be alive in North Korea. Instead, it de-scribes a "recent flurry" of very compelling reports" that American prisoners are still being held. Sam Grizzle, a defence de-

partment spokesman, con-firmed the authenticity of the document, which was made available to reporters by a Republican member of Congress, but said it did not reflect the formal views of the Pentagon.

"We've never ruled out the possibility of POWS, but we've never ruled it in," he said. "The memo is unsigned, and as far as I'm concerned, this is a draft memo." The Pentagon

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and was prepared by Insung Lee, a defence department investigator. Officials described him as a veteran investigator

narked "for official use only"

sighting reports, specifically observations of several Caucasians in a collective farm by Romanians and the North Korean defectors' eye-witness of Americans to dismiss that there are no American POWs in North Korea," it says.

The report says the evi-dence suggests that American prisoners are living in com-pounds in the capital Pyongyang and its suburbs, and that their movements "are apparently controlled by the North Korean government". The document was made

available by congressman Robert Dornanof California, who has suggested that Penta-gon investigators failed to fol-low up evidence that US sol-diers might still be held in North Korea, Vietnam and other former war zones.

A spokesman for Mr Dornan, Al Santoli, said that the

by Pentagon officials sympahetic to his efforts to pursue information about missing

Americans.
While Mr Lee's report offers no conclusive evidence that Americans are being beld against their will in North Korea, it cites "a vari-ety of additional sightings as far as I'm concerned, this is a draft memo." The Pentagon has said in the past it had compelling evidence that only two American defectors—not prisoners of war—were still alive in North Korea.

The March 26 report was him as a veteran investigator with the Office of Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Affairs, a Pentagon agency.

The two-page report bases its conclusions on sightings by visitors and defectors.

There are too many live alive.—New York Times.

Wartime hero Fitzroy Maclean dies at 85

Ed Vulliamy

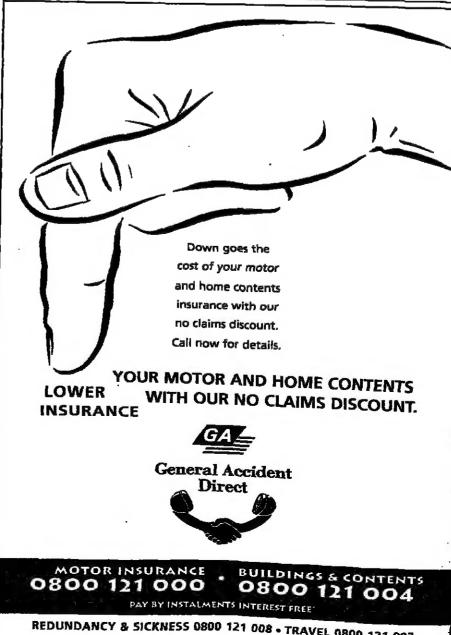
SIR Fitzroy Maclean, one of the great heroic figures of the wartime era died at the weekend, aged 85. Sir Fitzroy was an intrepid

Fitzroy was a diplomat in Moscow during the 1930s, and later a founder member of the traveller and adventurer, and He was personally was best known for parachut-recruited by Winston Chur-

the second world war and aiding Tito's partisans.

From a military family, Sir long friend of Marshal Tito. He wrote numerous books, notably Eastern Approaches (1949). From 1941 to 1974, he

was a Tory MP.



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Ultimatum

Plan to give London children holidays puts historian at odds with media personalities



'Few people can afford to move into this area. We have a duty to share this beautiful place Rev Paul Nicolson Vicar of Turville



'This is about a group of deprived children having a holiday. I'm sorry that one well-heeled villager can't stomach that.' — Jeremy Paxman

Newsnight presenter



people who live near the school, and can't afford to go off to Tuscany to get away from the noise like the Mortimers'

- Alistair Horne on



East Enders row shatters Dibley village calm

Maey Kennedy Heritage Correspondent

ASSIONS have been inflamed in an idyllic Buckinghamshire village by the news that lottery organisers Camelot have given an £11,000 grant for holidays for East End children, at the suggestion of News- and Jeremy has very kindly night presenter Jeremy agreed to look after the barnight presenter Jeremy

Mr Paxman responded to criticism of the scheme with carefully restrained rage last night, blaming "one well-heeled villager". Turville, an absurdly

pretty village with a 13th former champagne sales eight years that this is an move into this area unless century church and a 16th man and trade union utterly misguided charity. they can pay £100,000 for a century pub, in the most beautiful part of the Chil-tern hills, is the setting for

the television programme
The Vicar of Dibley.
The young visitors to the
real village will have the
choice of half a dozen
heated swimming pools, including John and Penny's, becue. That's John and Penny Mortimer, and Mr Paxman handling the char-coal briquettes. "It is very much that kind of village, I'm afraid," said the vicar,

the Rev Paul Nicolson, a

representative. Some Turville residents, led by historian Alistair

Horne who lives in the Old Vicarage, have fought a bitter campaign against the holidays scheme, and have attacked its starry patrons
including Anna Ford,
Jeremy Irons and his wife

Sinead Cusack — as out-siders trampling on local Mr Horne, whose sup-porters include Lord Quentin, and former World Service presenter Peter Bond.

said last night: "We've been

saying over and again for

This is the wrong village for it, and these people who are pushing it all live miles

Mr Paxman responded with carefully chosen words. This is about a very small group of deprived children having a holiday who would never

otherwise enjoy one." The vicar, who lives in the modern vicarage next door to Mr Horne, said that due to council house sales. the poor were being ethnically cleansed out of the Chilterns.

very, very modest house. We have a duty to share this beautiful place."

The summer project will bring three groups of a dozen children from East London, for a fortnight at a time, to live in the village's former school, which acts as a community hall and day nursery, and take part in outdoor treats and

"Nobody can afford to

within yards of the school and can't afford to go off to Tuscany to get away from the noise like the Morti-

A group of women at the church gates reflected much more mixed local opinion — and were swift to point out that Mr Horne himself is an incomer.
"What I resent is people

moving in and then claimin outdoor treats and activities.

Mr Horne insists that "dozens" of villagers are opposed to the scheme. "I think it's rotten luck on people who have bought little houses and bungalows in and then claim ing to speak for the village, "said one woman, brought up in the village. "But don't you go saying think it's rotten luck on people who have bought little houses and bungalows community."

ent employees suffering from radiation related cancers.

the industry and its ability to cope with emergencies. The industry's workforce has been cut by a fifth in four years to 6.500.

vote for Mr Zyuganov, even if the general himself joins Mr to entice potential investors.

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to Major in beef war

John Palmer in Rome and Michael White

RITAIN and its Euro pean Union partners were edging warily in the beef war last night after the EU presented John Major with a stark choice — to abandon his non-cooperation tac tics and accept tougher mea sures to eradicate BSE or risk losing a deal on the phased lifting of the British beef ban at this weekend's Florence summit

The package, which White-hall officials were not dis-missing out of hand, would include a bigger slaughter of suspect cattle — as many as 200,000 on top of the 80,000 under threat, according to some EU estimates — despite the warnings among Tory Euro-sceptics that they will not sanction any more scien-tifically-unwarranted culls.

EU foreign ministers meet-ing in Rome insisted that, as and Saturday, Britain must agree in the next 24 hours to extend its planned cattle cull, a move which could trigger a Commons defeat.

Unsurprisingly, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secre-tary, appeared distinctly less upbeat than before about the chances of an early

compromise.
"It is in everyone's interests that an agreement is reached at Florence, for otherwise the policy of non-cooperation will continue,"

"I am not entirely confident that it will happen. Things can still go in an adverse way." he said.

The outlines of Mr Major's tactics were visible when Downing Street officials stressed that the Prime Minister's non-cooperation strategy had succeeded in concentrating minds in Europe.

There is no doubt we have made a damned sight more progress than we would have done without it," said one

Whether this will appeare the Euro-sceptics, who see the beef war as the start of a jihad to rescue British sovereignty

from Brussels, is doubtful, es-

ence framework will not in-clude a firm timetable or be

legally binding.

Britain will also be prohibited from selling beef to third countries while the EU ban is in force, a potentially wound-ing concession which will pain sceptics who believe the ban to be illegal.

The European Commission will decide this evening in Strasbourg whether to put forward a draft framework agreement on a stage by-stage easing of the ban to the Floreasing of the ban to the Flor-ence summit. But its readi-ness to do so will crucially de-pend on getting clear signals from London today that Whitehall is, after all, ready to meet the BSE eradication terms demanded by other FIL terms demanded by other EU

ministers.
To ram home their determination that the British gov-ernment win no political kudos from a Florence deal. Mr Major will also be asked to make an unambiguous decla-ration abandoning Britain's veto campaign at the start of the summit.
'The British must under

stand that it is not enough to declare war; they must also know when to terminate war," Jacques Santer, the Commission president, said last night.

"This is far too serious an issue to be dealt with by a purely political deal. We are responsible for our children and our children's children."
In a further sign that the
Government's nerve is beginning to fray, Mr Rifkind yes-terday promised that if the beef ban is lifted, Britain will drop its long-standing opposition to allowing the European Court legal powers over Euro-

pol, the embryo European Union police force Tony Blair warned in Germany yesterday that the Labour Party may end its support for the Government's beef strategy next week, writes Martin Kettle in Bonn.

After a 90-minute meeting with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Mr Blair said he would continue to support the Government's attempts to reach a settlement at Florence this weekend but would review the points of difference in the light of the EU summit outcome

pecially since the likely Flor- | Castaway UK, page 9

Safety warning on nuclear sale

Internal documents reveal concern on industry's ability to tackle emergencies

Chris Barrie

TTAL safety information from official legal advisers on next month's privatisation of nuclear power has been omitted from the pathfinder prospectus, it emerged last night in confi-dential documents seen by

the Guardian.

Top City law firm Clifford
Chance has warned the Government and the industry that sharp cuts in manpower to prepare the industry for sale could increasingly compromise safety

In a second warning, Clif-ford Chance says there are likely to be a growing number of claims from past and pres-

Internal documents leaked make it clear that nuclear inspectors are increasingly concerned about loss of skills in

Although the issue was dis-cussed last April by minis-ters, directors of British Energy and their advisers, many of the detailed issues have been left out of the pathfinder prospectus released last week

— the company formed to own the country's eight most modern reactors which are being sold — insisted that nuclear inspectors were now sat-isfied and that the prospectus included all matters rial to the business". But with Labour preparing

to mount a fresh onslaught on the Government over its handling of the sell-off in a Commons debate tonight, the Clifford Chance warnings will provide opposition MPs and unions with fresh further ammunition. Unions have consistently warned that the in-dustry has pared its technical expertise to the bone in an at-tempt to make rapid effi-

ciency gains.

The law firm says in its document - dated April 25 that the nuclear inspectors "seemed increasingly to be treating manpower as a safety issue" and it warms of inherent dangers in the industry's growing reliance on outside contractors.

Mr Wilson, whose Cunninghame North constituency includes the Hunterston nuclear power station, in Ayr, said: "One of the dangers we have consistently warned against is that privatisation has precipitated a huge exo-dus of experienced nuclear engineers from the industry. It is quite disgraceful that these observations have not been reflected in the prospectus." Clifford Chance also notes

that "a quarter" of the 20,000 "current and ex-radiation a subsidiary of British Energy — will die of cancer, "about 200 a year by the turn of the century'

Both sides woo Russian ex-general who holds key to second round of presidential poll After a first round showing concerted action in the shich put him in third place. Is second round of voting". It is second round of voting reshuffle. He said Mr Lebed was distinguished by his directness and "Russian openness". It is always remained in Mr Yelt-second round of voting reshuffle. He said Mr Lebed was distinguished by his directness and "Russian openness". With 98 per cent of the ballow the second round of voting "reshuffle. He said Mr Lebed was distinguished by his directness." and the ultranationalist VIa nomic problems were such dimir Zhirinovsky, were a that the prime minister

David Hearst and James Meek in Moscow

HE retired army general Alexander Lebed went shopping yesterday for a top government post, as President Boris Yeltsin and his main communist challenger, Cennady Zyuganov, beset the nationalist politician with generous offers in return for his key support in the second round of the presidential elections.

which put him in third place. Mr Lebed met Mr Yeltsin in the Kremlin yesterday and left without making any comment. The top post he can hope for in a Yeltsin government is one that combines first deputy prime minister in charge of army, police and border troops with secretary of the national

security council Sergei Medvedev, the president's press secretary, said din the prime minister and nearest rivals, the liberal

sin's "field of vision" throughout the campaign. "Alexander Ivanovich Lebed made a brilliant spurt and openness".
With 98 per cent of the bal-

lot papers cast in Sunday's poll counted, Mr Yeltsin was still in the lead with 34.82 per cent of the votes, followed by achieved a striking result." Mr Zyuganov on 32.12 per Praise was also lavished on cent, and Mr Lebed in third him from Viktor Chernomyr- place with 14.71 per cent. The

long way behind with 7.41 per cent and 5.84 per cent of the vote respectively. No sooner had Mr Lebed

left the Kremlin than the com-munists declared they were going to meet him. At one point it was rumoured that they were prepared to offer him the post of prime minis-ter. This was denied by Valentine Kuptsov, Mr Zyuganov's the two discussed "possible one of the people who stands economist Grigory Yavlinsky deputy, who said Russia's eco- 9; Pass Notes, G2, page 3

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needed to be a good manager.

A low second-round turnout

could make the race a close one, particularly as many of Mr Lebed's supporters will

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Diet highest in saturated fat	6.14	Lung cancer	Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Vol. 85, p.1906 (1993)
Non-vegetarian v vegetarian diet	3.08	Heart disease	American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, Vol. 31, p. S191 (1978)
Frequently cooking with rapeseed oil	2.80	Lung cancer	International Journal of Cancer, Vol. 40, p. 604 (1987)
Drinking 1-2 glasses of whole milk per day	1.62	Lung cancer	International Journal of Cancer, Vol. 43, p. 608 (1989)
Eating one biscuit a day	1.49	Heart disease	Lancet, Vol. 341, p. 581 (1993)
Drinking chlorinated water	1.38	Rectal cancer	American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 82, p. 955 (1992)
Eating pepper frequently	1.30	Mortality	American Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 119, p. 775 (1984)
Exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke	1.19	Lung cancer	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1992)
High vegetable diet	0.37	Lung cancer	International Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 25, Suppl. 1, p. 32 (199
High fruit diet	0.31	Lung cancer	American Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 133, p. 683 (1991)

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David Brindle, Social Services Corresponder

short comings have per-sisted in child care procedures in North Wales despite the controversy over abuse in children'

homes, a government inquiry yesterday reported.

The local government reorganisation in April is likely to have perpetuated the shortcomines and may have never comings and may have worsened them, according to the inquiry by a team led by Adrianne Jones, former social services director of Birmingham.

The report was published by William Hague, the Weish Secretary, as he announced the terms of the public inquiry into abuse of children in care in the former counties of Gwynedd and Clwyd since 1974.

The inquiry will be led by Sir Ronald Waterhouse, a leading Welsh judge.

Mr Hague told the Commons that the "disturbing" conclusion of the Jones report had been a factor in persuading him to press the Cabinet last week to approve the publish. last week to approve the public inquiry.

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, yesterday also announced the terms of reference of the separate 'review of safeguards for children living away from home" to be led by Sir William Utting, for-mer chief inspector of the Government's social services

Mr Dorrell said safeguards had been introduced only recently and had been carefully devised.

inspectorate.

Since then, however, it has become clear from court cases and criminal justice investigations that the scale of and Practice in North Wales; abuse, and of abuse risks, was HMSO; £10.60.

higher than generally appreciated."

The Jones inquiry was ordered after a previous review by Nicola Davies, QC, con-cluded that she had a "sense of unease" that children in care could still be at risk in North Wales.

Conducted between January and March this year — just before Gwynedd and Clwyd were divided into six new unitary authorities the inquiry found "signifi-cant gaps" in child care ar-rangements, confusion of ac-countability, and a "seriously low" level of funding in Gwynedd.

Ynys Mon and the new Gwynedd councils, which have replaced the old Gwyn-edd, had inherited this underfunding. Others of the new authorities had made budget cuts which had "further restricted their capacity to maintain, much less improve, their child care practices".

All the new councils should promptly review their child care policies, particularly Conwy which had taken staff from each of the old counties and where "accountabilities could be dangerously unclear and obscured ... "We question the capacity

of the new authorities to undertake strategic planning and fulfil their statutory oblidren's services plans without external assistance."

Mr Hague passed over the report's warnings about the new local authority structure, ings of the former counties. But he accepted the "broad thrust" of the report, which makes 41 recommendations.

Team on Child Care Procedure



Lisa Ponting, Jennifer Meehan, Jenny Kee and Hayley Ryan, from La Sainte Union school, Highgate, north London, enjoying takeaway chips yesterday

Blunkett wants return to school meal standards

Labour says 'chips with everything' menus encourage truancy. John Carvel reports

HILDREN'S preference for chomping down chips instead of eating a balanced school dinner yesterday became the target of Labour's drive to tackle deteriorating standards in education by reasserting traditional

David Blunkett, the shadow education secre-tary, said the declining take-up of school meals was threatening children's health and might be contributing to truancy when pupils failed to return to school after a lunchtime started the day without

abolish national nutritional standards for school meals in 1980, he told the annual conference in Bournemouth of Unison, the public service union. "Children spend around

15.000 hours at school between the ages of five and 16, and get on average a third of their energy from

school meals," he said. A nourishing meal in the middle of the day was particularly essential for the one in nine pupils who

"Despite the best efforts of catering staff, children typically choose food which is high in fat and sugar and low in fibre, proteins and vitamins. On average, they eat chips at school three times a week.

cooked meal in the evening.

"Worse still, many choose to buy their lunch from the local chip shop. This is reflected in the fall in take-up of school lunches: 43 per cent of pu- not eating a proper meal

visit to the chip shop. The breakfast and for the one in cent in 1979." Mr Blunkett Government was wrong to six who went home to no said that school meals also said that school meals also encouraged table manners and proper eating habits, and gave children a chance to socialise.

His call to reintroduce standards for school meals was supported by Luci Dan-icl. spokeswoman for the British Dietetic Association. "The biggest problem is the cafeteria system for school lunches. In too many areas the choices are chips and chips. The children are pils took school meals last and they are not learning year, compared with 64 per | proper nutritional habits.

BBC demotes drama chief

Andrew Culf

SENIOR BBC drama executive was demoted yesterday after a threeweek investigation into alleged financial irregularities. The BBC said Chris Part. head of drams series — responsible for ratings successes such as EastEnders, Casualty and Ballykissangel - had potentially compromised his role by accepting a personal loan from the director of an independent television company.

The inquiry found there was no evidence of financial or contractual impropriety by Air Parr or the independent

The investigation was launched by Ruth Caleb. acting head of drama group. BBC personnel officers, and auditors. It followed a story in the magazine Private Eye on gossip circulating at a literary party.

In a statement yesterday the BBC said: "Chris Parr did Edinburgh Traverse for six receive a personal loan from a personal friend who is also a director of an independent

company.
"The BBC is satisfied there was no intention to advantage the independent supplier, but Chris Parr has potentially compromised his role as head of drama series, with influence over the selection of in-

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has therefore stepped down as head of drama series, but will continue to work for television drama group as an executive producer.

The BBC would not ment on the amount, nor reveal the name of the independent company. However, it said the supplier had been fully cleared and could con-

tinue to seek commissions. BBC insiders admitted Mr Parr, who co-operated with the inquiry, had shown questionable judgment, bringing embarrassment to the corporation at a time when its

drama had been riding high. Mr Parr, aged 51, was pro-moted to the job last August, from his position as head of drama at Birmingham where he had been responsible for programmes such as Danger-field, Preston Front, Backup

and Martin Chuzzlewit. He worked for 15 years on stage productions at theatres, including the Liverpool Everyman, Nottingham Play-house, the Royal, Court, and was artistic director at the

years. Mr Parr joined the BBC as a script editor in the 1980s. His production credits included David Lodge's Nice Work and the BBC Scotland's award-winning Takin' Over the

Asylum. Jo Wright an executive producer in the BBC serials department, is to to take over dependent productions. He Mr Parr's job temporarily.

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Adults Pray!

Court told of 'Wee Frees vendetta'

Pill 'may cause extra cancers'

Erlend Clouston

THEOLOGICAL professor had been the victim of a sex campaign orchestrated by the "archbishop of world Cal-vinism" to have him confirmed as a heretic, a Scottish court heard yesterday.

The Rev Donald Macleod the flag-bearer of liberalism in the Free Church of Scotland, blamed his appearance at Edinburgh sheriff court on indecent assault charges on a ven-detta by fundamentalists

led by the Rev Ian Murray.
"Mr Murray is perceived
by himself and others as the archbishop of world Calvinism," Mr Macleod,

Chris Mihili

Medical Correspondent

HE contraceptive pill

may cause an extra 300 cases of breast cancer a year in the UK, but women

affected are likely to suffer

smaller tumours which are easier to treat, researchers said yesterday. The largest

study carried out into the links between the pill and

breast cancer concludes that there is a small extra risk

while women are taking the

contraceptive and for 10 years afterwards, but then the in-

The study has produced an unexpected and reassuring finding that there is no link

Graham, at the re-opening | grown up sons, kissed her | of a trial which threatens to end in a schism in the

The professor of systematic theology at the Free Church College in Edinburgh denies five charges of indecent assault on four woman between 1985 and 1991. The church has cleared him three times but in 1994 the police began an

inquiry after complaints.

Mr Macleod said he had fallen out with fundamentalists on doctrinal matters from the mid-1970s. One of his adversaries was his brother-in-law, the Rev Angus Smith, who was "a very heated and prejudiced anti-Papist." Mr Smith's then 17-year-old niece al-

women have been taking the pill and the cancer.

Researchers said that age at

stopping the pill was the cru-

cial risk factor, with women in their 40s being at far

higher risk than women in

their 20s, because the chances

of breast cancer increase dra-

matically with age and it is

very rare among young

The Medicines Control

Agency, which licenses drugs, said it would look care-fully at the data to see if new

should be included in pre-

The study has been carried

out by Valerie Beral and col-

leagues from the Imperial

Cancer Research Fund's epi-

scribing information.

Study finds only a small risk for

women taking oral contraceptive

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in the study of his Edinburgh home.

leod. Mr Murray brought the allegations following the Free Church's decision to clear him of having had a "sinful" relationship with an Australian woman in the late 1980s He said: "There is an orchestration of this particu-

lar campaign. It is [for them) a sacred crusade, a matter of life and death for the Western world." The Rev John Murray, jointfounder with Ian Murray of the Banner of Truth publishing house, has been censured by the Free Church for spreading rumours about Mr Macleod, a foraged 55, told the depute leges that Mr Macleod, a mer editor of the Fre procurator fiscal, Margaret married man with three Church Monthly Record. mer editor of the Free

countries, and comprises a re-analysis of 54 studies — 90 per

cent of those carried out throughout the world into the pill and breast cancer.

The researchers looked at

53,000 women with breast can-

cer compared with 100,000 without the disease.

For every 10,000 women

who used the pill between the

ages of 25 to 29 there would be

in the period from starting

ise up to 10 years after

There would be 44 cases

among non-users, so the pill would produce an additional

For every 10,000 women taking the pill aged 16 to 19 there would be 4.5 cases of

breast cancer over the next

ten years, compared to four in

However, among 10,000 study.

live cases.

breast cancers diagnosed

Mr Macleod described one of his accusers as a "bolder than usual" Protestant activist whom he had treated "civilly and courte-ously" during a visit to his college office when an al-leged assault took place. Two other woman, he

said, were members of the John Murray's Edinburgh congregation; one was given to "floods of tears" in church; the other had sent his son, Angus. a Christmas card three years after her alleged assault inscribed "A very happy Christmas and New Year, also to your

Evidence from a travel agency was produced to show that Mr Macleod was in Stornoway when the alleged assault on Mr Smith's niece took place.

compared to 230 in non-users

Professor Beral said about

26,000 new cases of breast can-cer were diagnosed each year

in the UK. With some three

million pill users, it was possible that about 300 extra cases

were linked to the contracep

tive - but these were likely

to be smaller tumours which

had not spread outside the

breast so would be more

that by 20 years after stopping

there is little difference in the

total number of breast can-cers diagnosed between

women who have and have not used the pill . . "

Professor Beral added:

"The main question was whether the pill had any long-

term risk and the absence of this risk is one of the most

important findings in the

"Overall the results show

has pooled data from 200 sci-entists at 70 institutions in 25 | would be 260 cases in users

Tribunal backs transsexual engineer

TRANSSEXUAL engineer who suffered seri-ous injuries at work because her colleagues refused to work along side her. has won a landmark sex discrinitnation ruling which could cost her employers up to £250,000.

The 29-year-old male to female transsexual was injured in an accident after she was a Rees, said her claim for loss never work again because of , 2180,000. her injuries.

She was off work for six months and then sacked because she was left with a permanent disability

The decision, from London South industrial tribunal, is the first to follow an historic ruling last April from the European Court of Justice in ally harassed from the time Luxembourg that transsexuals are protected under a European Commission directive dealing with equal treatment of men and women at

Neither the woman. R. nor her former employers, can be named because of a tribunal ruling protecting their identities

work.

The Luxembourg decision opened the way for the Sex Discrimination Act to be applied to transsexuals for the first time.

With no ceiling on awards for sex discrimination, the latest ruling is a warning to employers that they could face large compensation claims if they sack transsexual employees or if they fail to stop co-workers harassing

the Sex Discrimination Act to private sector employees without the need for Parliament to amend the act - this has been an area of uncertainty following the Luxembourg decision.

Public sector employees are covered automatically by EC directives. R's employers are appeal-

ing against the decision. If it is upheld on appeal, compensation will be decided later. R's solicitor, Madeleine

R suffers from a chromosomal abnormality. Normal females are XX and normal males XY, but her chromosomal pattern is XYY, a pat-

tern which gives rise to a high incidence of transsexuals.
Als Rees said R was sexushe announced she was

changing sex. tampons on her chair, wrote "queer" and "poofter" on her

jacket, and even left a fake coffin labelled RIP at her Ms Rees said her client had

tried to commit suicide after discovering that colleagues kept a book on her, offering \$100 to whoever could cause her to resign or suffer serious injuries. Her employers denied the

The Equal Opportunities Commission, which backed the case, welcomed the tribunal's ruling.

Alan Lakin, head of the EOC's legal department, said: "If anyone has a claim they should have regard to domes-The tribunal held that in-dustrial tribunals can apply quickly."

Lottery to give aid agencies £25m

John Ezard

HE National Lottery Charities Board is to risk the wrath of rightwing critics by devoting nearly 7 per cent of its yearly income

to overseas aid projects. The board is today expected to unveil a £25 million annual programme for British-based aid agencies working on long-term development projects abroad.

The news will attract a bliz-

zard of applications from big charities, including Oxfam, Christian Aid, and War on Want, but is also open to long-term self-help projects small ones.

It means a huge boost in the funds they can hope to tap cussed by the board in year by year. The programme part of the total 2360 million the board which swayed its members

permanent assuming lottery revenue remains high. The board is understood to

be looking for projects which tackle the causes of overseas poverty and inequality.

If challenged about this new departure in policy, the board's chairman. David Sieff, can defend it by citing evidence of public support. Last month an NOP poll found the public already made nearly 15 per cent of its donations to agencies work-

ing abroad. The poll suggested higher public backing for fostering than for disaster relief. The initiative was first dis-

February expects to spend this year, were that poverty kills 35,000 [judged". The grants featured a substitute will be reviewed after the children a day and that the small sums for the Scottish spending.

first year but is intended to be | number of families living in | Prostitutes Educational Prosevere poverty is increasing. The Department of National raised no objection to the

But the Sun newspaper after getting a selective leak of board discussions - said: "MPs and the public fear millions could be wasted funding aid for asylum seekers and illegal immigrants.' Mr Sieff, however, dis-

cussed as "a drop in the He compared the £25 million figure with the total of \$2 billion raised by the lottery for good causes.

missed the amount being dis-

The announcement is also due at a sensitive time for the board, only six days after Mr Major's attack on a some of its other grants as "ill-

ject, the West Midlands Anti-Deportation Campaign, the Leicester Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Centre and a London gay monitoring group.

After Mr Major's attack, it

emerged that two of these groups had already been government-funded and a third was regularly consulted by police.

The charity Actionaid last night welcomed the aid pro-gramme but called the sum "a farthing for the third world" when set against a projected fall in Britain's governmental overseas aid spending next year to 0.26 per cent of GNP, the lowest level ever recorded for the UK".

According to a longstanding policy declared by Mr Major, lottery grants are barred from being be used as a substitute for public



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Voters fly the nationalist flag

David Hearst in Moscow

NEW day dawned in Russian politics yesterday. President Yeltsin said country was "crystal clear": either "back to revolutions and shocks, or ahead to stability and prosperity".

The constellation of forces

after this election will have to reflect the fact that the elec-torate has rejected two myths: first, that the freer the market, the quicker the country can be put back on its feet; and, second, that salvation can be found in a return to the certainties of a Brezhnev-era communist state.

Voters believe they have at last found the strong arm at the tiller they have been craving so long. That arm belongs to a two-star reservist army general with a populist touch and no experience of power,

The arrival of Mr Lebed on the scene is bad news for the democrats who propelled Mr Yeltsin to power five years ago. In 1991, on a turnout of 70 same as this time - Mr Yeltsin won the first round with 60 per cent of the vote. Five years on his vote, after much arm twisting, bribery and bullying, has decreased by 25 per cent. And that is a national phenomenon — his support fell in 86 of 89

What has happened to the democrats who once supported him? His former acting prime minister, Yegor Gai-dar, is no longer a political force and neither is another free market economist and guru, Anatoly Sobchak, who was recently ousted as mayor of St Petersburg.

Grigory Yavlinsky, the liberai economist who lambasted the radical democrats for their mistakes, cuts a lonely figure with a little over 5 milion votes. Once heralded as a future president, Mr Yavlinsky last month insisted on the removal of four top ministers as the price for his co-operation. He has little bargaining power with the

He has become a small fish in a big pond, and the intellectuals who back him have long faces. "How could Russians be so stupid?" one said angrily yesterday.

The rump of radical democrat advisers in the presidential administration must also be feeling the draught. Men such as Sergel Filatov, the former head of administration; Georgi Satarov, the chief political adviser; Yuri Baturin, the national security adviser; and Alexander Livshits, the economic adviser. They pressed Mr Yelt-sin to make a pact with Mr Yavlinsky but now find themselves exposed by the new

mood in the country.

The clear winner in these elections has been the nation-alist voter. About 23 million Patriotic Alliance headed by Gennady Zyuganov, the Com-munist leader. Many ex- Mr Yeltsin must take on

the voters. In a field of stiff,

often pompous presidential

candidates, he was the least

relaxed, sitting still as a rock while that extraordinary

voice — like a foghorn at the bottom of a well — boomed

out the responses of a para-

began a pro-Yeltsin television interviewer yesterday, sound-

ing him out about his terms

for a deal with the president.

"I understand everything," rumbled Mr Lebed.

everything clear."

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You do understand ..."



Man of the moment . . . General Alexander Lebed, who finished a strong third, and wife Inna walk bome after voting on Sundayphotograph: IGOR MBCHALEV

gia for the old Soviet Union. The Union of Slavic Republics proposed by Alexander Lebed is its reincarnation. A further 10 million voted for Gen Lebed — whose platform ranged from law and order to army reform and defence of Russians abroad — and just over 4 million voted for the

Mr Zhirlnovsky's relatively low vote has been Gen comes across as a less adver turist protector of the mother land. Mr Zhirinovsky said in his book Last Push to the South that Russian soldiers would bathe their feet in the Indian Ocean. When asked whether he would serve in a government if Mr Zhirinovsky became president, Gen Lebed replied: "No, I don't want to wash my feet in the Indian Ocean."

flat pictures of his sheepdog. This was the voice the

media yearned to hear yester-day, more than the mellow growl of Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist candidate

who came second. The pack

was disappointed: Mr Lebed had an appointment in the

Kremlin.
This was also the voice

which persuaded a significant fraction of the Russian elec-

torate that a former two-star

general with the face of a bare-knuckle boxer and a habit of denouncing his supe-riors in public could give

them what they most desired:

these days prefers to compare himself with

De Gaulle, writes James Meek in Moscow

FALEXANDER LEBED has a conversational voice, he has never shared it with ing wife, film of his ordinary

essage of | soon finds a home in Mr Yeltthese elections — that Russians want a leader who will sin's campaign, these grey cardinals will have no prob-

The other winners in this election are the advisers and strongmen whose common in-

To win the next round, Mr Yeltsin must take on board the central message of these elections: that Russians want a

Crown prince of order with a made-to-measure image

Once a fan of Pinochet, Alexander Lebed | former Soviet republic of Afghanistan, commanding | disastrous move which hob | for the possible seccession | Moldova, where Russia's 14th | troops during anti-govern | bled both men and won them | from Russia of most of

terests cut across party politi-cal lines. In Mr Yeltsin's ad-ministration they include the rupt officials and maria so-called pragmatists like main adviser Viktor Illyu-shin; the chief of his bodyguards, General Alexander Korzhakov; the deputy prime minister, Oleg Soskovyets; and the hawkish head of his administration, Nikolai

Yegorov.

If, as expected, Mr Lebed be switched to get the fac-

Army found itself caught up in a conflict between local

forces and Slav separatists. When hundreds of people

died in the mainly Slav town

of Bendery after the Moldo-vans tried to break out of a

salient, General Lebed was rushed in to take command

and peace was restored.

It did not matter that the

worst of the fighting had al-

ready ended and that a peace deal had been formulated.

Russia saw it as one man's

resolute action saving their kin at a time of chaos, retreat

and humiliation for the

motherland.

The general's military credentials are impeccable. Born in 1950 to a working-class

of Novocherkassk, he spent all his adult life in the army,

mainly in the elite airborne

forces.

lam with the idea of launch-ing a national crackdown on the mafia and crime. The ever-changing political line of

leader who will strengthen their state bosses? A Lebed-inspired law and order crackdown is not

> what little protection the law provides in Russia. Nor is the Russian domestic market going to be as free as it has been to accept Western

ment demonstrations in Geor-

gia and Azerbaijan, and head-

ing a unit popularly seen as having defended Boris Yeltsin

and his supporters during the

1991 Soviet putsch.
Although Mr Lebed presents himself as a soldier gradually and rejuctantly

drawn into politics to try to

save his country, he became active before his 14th Army

days, taking part in Commu nist Party meetings in 1990.

He became notorious for in-

terviews in which he would range freely over the spec-trum of Russia's political, eco-

nomic and military woes, branding Mr Yeltsin — his commander-in-chief — a "mi-

nus", attacking the defence minister, Pavel Grachev, and

speaking favourably of Chile's military dictator,

When he finally left the

Augusto Pinochet

going to obey the niceties of

Whatever the talk of "Reds and Whites", there will be a tories going and ensure mili-tary industrial complexes once again churn out tanks and guns for export. It is a policy identical to a Commucident that a group of Mr Zyu-ganov's top industrial and economic advisers maintain close contacts with the government and the Kremlin.

resent the same lobby. Their common enemy is the centrist prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, whose personal and family interests in the gas industry make him the target of their attentions. A new assertive head of state will im-pose limits on the domestic price of fuel and energy.

Mr Zyuganov said: "We have already won the election

because, independent of the result. Yeltsin is realising our pre-election programme." He is right, but the Communists cannot break out of the ring fence that Mr Yeltsin's tactics have thrown round them.

few votes in parliamentary elections last December. Mr

Lebed was written off as a contender in this year's presi-

But by himself, Mr Lebed

has turned out to be a far more potent force, a made-to-

measure image of the remorseless protector some

Russians yearn to see rule

them, rounding up bandits, rooting out corrupt bureau-crats, making the army a

force to be proud of. After all.

while the ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky only

talks about shooting people, Mr Lebed has actually done

Mr Lebed still endorses

Pinochet, although he now

dential vote.

"We don't need the order of

the concentration camps, but

ordinary human order," he

corruption by forcing bureau-crats above a certain rank to

report all earnings and expen-

ments for bribe-takers, higher

tection of judges and wit-nesses and, ominously,

greater "accountability" from

diture by their relatives.

large convergence of eco-

nomic interests between Mr

Zyuganov's National Patriotic

pelled government. Unable to

break out of their ghetto, Mr

Zyuganov's alliance could

well start breaking up as key

members defect to the govern-

As Mr Yeltsin began negoti-

ations with his new political son and heir Gen Lebed, his

senior aide, Viktor Illyushin,

warned that changes in the

government would not be im-

mediate. "For Boris Nikolaye

vich, it's very difficult to part with those with whom he has

been working for such a long time," he said. But with Gen

Lebed by his side, and the

promise of another term. Mr Yeltsin won't struggle long

Fair enough, say most observers

VITH virtually all results in, it appeared that at least 72 million out of a possible 105 million Russians had voted in the presidential poll, representing a turnout of just over two thirds, or 68.5 per cent, writes James Meek.

Foreign observers said yesterday that they had not recorded serious violations during Sunday's voting, although there had been a number of blunders and problems, particularly with the new electronic voting equipment introduced in some districts.

Observers criticised the lack of fairness in access to the media for the candidates during the campaign. Television coverage had been overwhelmingly supportive of Mr Yeltsin, and anti-Communist.

Andras Barsony, of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe's parliamentary assembly, said:
"The first round of the elections was, on the whole,

Carried out fairly and honestly."

Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist candidate who came second, said there had been violations, but made no attempt to challenge the validity of the vote. His party had organised a network of hundreds of thousands of

bservers to monitor voting in every polling station. Russia's central electoral commission said it would have final results by tomorrow and would be ready to take a decision on when to hold the second-round run-off vote between Mr Yeltsin and Mr Zyuganov. It had been expected on July 7, but may now take place on Wednesday July 3. The Kremlin yesterday sent a bill to the State Duma proposing that that date be designated a public holiday. Russian law does not allow elections to be held



Yeltsin

DESPITE the lower than narrow lead over his Communist rival, the 35 per cent share represents a remarkable fightback a mere 7.4 per cent, and now finds himself in a weak from his unpopularity of six months ago

Mr Yeltsin polled strongly in cities benefiting from his reforms, such as Moscow (61 per cent) and St Petersburg, in his home off. It is not certain he could reliably deliver his vote to either candidate and the region of Sverdlovsk, and in energy- and resource-rich regions which fear higher taxes if the Communists



Zyuganov

AFTER coming second with 32.3 per cent, Mr Zyuganov will face Mr Yeltsin in a second round run-off. A respectable result for a worthy, dull campaigner pilloried or ignored by the pro-Yeltsin media — more than some polls had predicted, but not the guarantee of victory supporters had hoped for. Mr Zyuganov polled most strongly in the "Red Belt" areas of southern Russia

the North Caucasus and the judges who "let criminals He is opposed to state interlieves capitalism works better than communism. Even his economic policies are couched in a language combining folksiness and harsh ness in a peculiarly Russian

prefers to compare himself to Charles de Gaulle. If judged by his programme — never a safe thing to do in Russian This was the voice which them what they most desired: law and order.

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When he finally left the politics — his nationalist tendences have become less imsome of the most controversial episodes of the last years of the Red Army, serving in nationalist Yuri Skokov, a festo even appears to allow defending it," he said.



Lebed

NOT only did Mr Lebed secure a surprise third place, but with 14.4 per cent of the vote be has become a political force to be reckoned with. His law and order message and strong-arm image enabled him to win the nationalist vote in the Far Bast. Third in most regions, Mr Lebed beat Mr Zyuganov to come second in Murmansk and Archangel. In Yaroslavl, north-east of Moscow, he won 31 per cent to Mr Yeltsin's 32.8.



Yavlinsky

GRIGORY YAVLINSKY: A

champion of Russia's increasingly marginalised

position to gain concessions from either Mr Yeltsin or

Mr Zyuganov in talks on

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fought once again raises the question: if he cannot

poor fourth place for the

AN UNCHARACTERISTIC silence descended on the camp of the flamboyant champion of nationalist extremism yesterday. With a pitiful 6 per cent of the vote, Mr Zhirinovsky finds himself outflanked by Mr Lebed on law and order and by all three leading candidates on nationalism. The man who once made the world tremble with expansionist demagoguery now seems unlikely to be washing his boots in the



Also-rans

IT IS back to the lecture circuit for Mikhail Gorbachev, last president of the Soviet Union who won, as predicted, 0.5 per cent. Mr Gorbachev was one of the five remaining candidates, who polled less than 5 per cent between them. Svyatoslav Fyodorov, an eye surgeon, still commands enough respect in Russia to be of use as a coalition partner to one of the remaining contenders, despite his 1 per cent vote.

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World news in brief

War crimes suspect freed

HE Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in The Hague dropped all charges against a Bosnian Serb suspect accused of murder and torture after admitting a case of mistaken

It is the first time charges have been withdrawn against any of the 58 indicted war crimes suspects from the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. Goran Lajic, who was freed the United States for crimes

rested last March in Germany after his name and date of birth matched those of a ing at least five detainees and

torturing others at the Keraterm camp in 1992. Meanwhile, the US Supreme Court is to let women raped and tortured in the former Yugoslavia sue the Bosnlan Serb leader. Radovan Karadzic. in immediately, had been ar against humanity. - AP.

Death lottery at | Turkey backs in case of mistaken identity | jail threatened

PRISONERS in western El Salvador were threat-ening to begin a hunger strike yesterday followed by a "lottery of death" if overcrowding continues in

Inmates at the Santa Ana jail west of San Salvador told La Prensa Gráfica newspaper that four prisoners picked at random and already selected would be strangled. — Reuter.

Turkey's security council has ports. — AP. agreed that the US-led allied air force in Turkey should continue flights to protect Kurds in northern Iraq, the

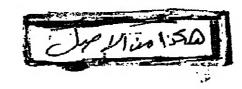
Anatolian news agency said. US, British and French planes have patrolled northern lraq from the Incirlik air birth, according to the World base in Turkey since the end of the Gulf war. — Reuter.

NZ volcano erupts

erupted from New Zealand's Mount Ruapehu yesterday, iraq air patrols forcing officials to evacua skiers and close nearby air-

Infant death toll

More than 8 million babies worldwide die each year be fore reaching their first birth day, most of them from diseva. The study says that this toll could be drastically lowered with better clinical Molten rock, glowing ash and health care for the mother flames visible 100 miles away and the infant. — AP.



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France signs up to **US nuclear club**

Martin Walker in Washington

RANCE has formally RANCE has formally joined Britain in the inner circle of the United States-led nuclear club, signing an agreement to share test and other research data. The deal is interested to share the state of th tended to ensure the survival of the three countries' war-heads long after a comprehensive test-ban treaty (CTB)

comes into force.
For France, it represents another crucial step away from the Gaullist tradition of an independent nuclear deter-rent, towards the British pattern of retaining nuclear status through almost com-plete dependence upon the US.

The agreement — like President Jacques Chirac's decision to rejoin Nato's inner councils and military consultancy committees - is of symbolic importance for France, which for 30 years tried to steer an independent nuclear and strategic course. The US made the agreement to ensure French adherence to President Bill Clinton's

plan for the CTB. The deal foreshadows more modest US research agreements with Russia, China and Israel to bring them into the CTB regime. Mr Clinton has

CTB regime, and the defence secretary. William Perry. made a similar offer to China.

If the CTB goes ahead as planned by the White House, the result will be a common-

wealth of nuclear powers, in which the US would play the which the US would play the commanding role through its dominance of the test and research data.

During the later years of the cold war, many smaller powers argued that the US and Soviet Union had a common interest in maintaining

mon interest in maintaining their nuclear predominance and their quasi-duopoly, despite their political differences. This has been the subtext of

India's objections to the CTB. Questions loom about whether the new but unac-knowledged members of the nuclear club — Israel. India and Pakistan — will be brought into the deal.

The agreement was hinted at in the 1996 defence authorisation bill passed by the US House of Representatives — but not yet by the Senate — which endorses this kind of nuclear co-operation with al-lies like Britain and France, though not with Russia and China.

"I consider any plan by the administration to share our

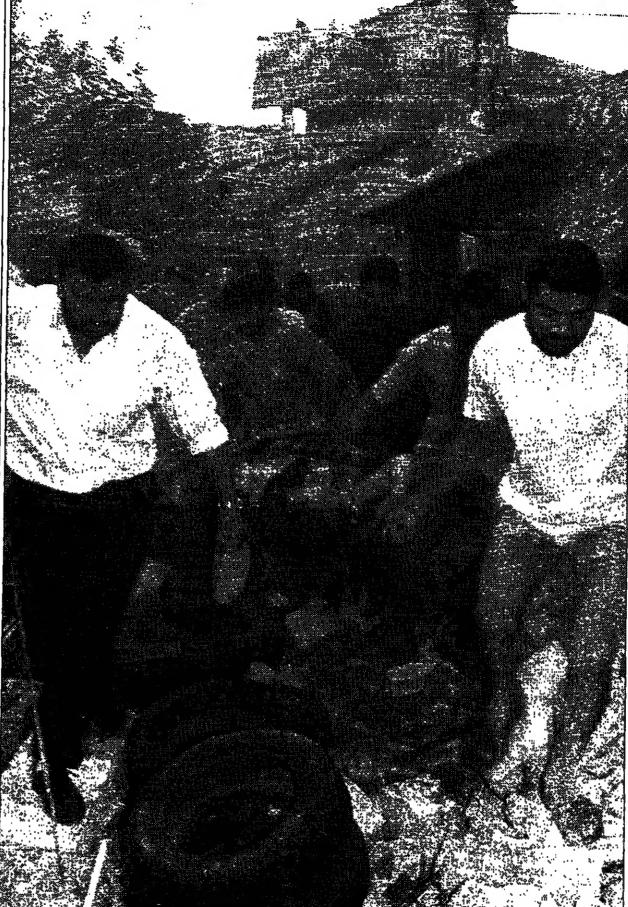
already formally offered to nation's nuclear secrets with share some US technology Russia, China or other proli-with Russia to help police a stan or India, as extremely dangerous," said congressman Floyd Spence, the chair-man of the national security

> To meet that kind of object tion. US arms controllers have tried to differentiate be-tween secrets that relate to building a bomb, and those which help maintain a test ban by monitoring the reli-ability of the nuclear materials in the bombs in a country's stockpile.

agreement with France are a series of computer models which allow nuclear powers to have it both ways: to give up testing, while remaining confident that the bombs and warheads in stock will work.

The models re-enact the events that take place inside a nuclear weapon as it ex-plodes, and use the data collected from the 1,054 nuclear tests carried out by the US

over the past 50 years.
The US is spending \$1 billion (£658,000) on a new laboratory at Livermore, in California, to perfect the sim-ulation of events inside a nuclear explosion, and another \$400 million at Los Alamos to develop constant computerised imaging of the interior of a warhead.



Blast victim . . . Rescuers carry one of 15 people wounded yesterday after a fire had set off explosions in a house containing arms at a Palestinian refugee camp in Sidon, Lebanon. Five people were killed. Photograph monamed Carefee

Paris tries to placate beef farmers after riot threat

Paul Webster in Paris

RENCH farmers are to receive emergency aid from the government to head off potential riots this week over losses following the crisis caused by mad cow

The agriculture minister, Philippe Vasseur, will announce the compensation plan tomorrow during a cabi-

and the young farmers' movement, CNJA, have called on members to demonstrate from Thursday until Sunday, partly in reaction to President Jacques Chirac's recent call for a better understanding of the British position.

Militant farmers have forced successive governments to make policy changes ousted in 1993, by blocking roads and besieg ist-led cabinet.

ing public buildings. But if they carry out their threat to take to the streetsthis time, it will mark a break in traditional solidarity with the

Gaullist RPR movement.

Mr Vasseur's promise to
offer compensation for falling sales and prices sounded like a panic measure. It was ac-companied by an implicit rejection of Mr Chirac's plea to be more indulgent towards

Britain. plan fomorrow during a cabinet meeting which will also decide French policy towards the ban on British beef exports before the European summit in Florence at the weekend.

Leaders of the national Molesalers have also pushed formers, union the FNSEA down prices and many form.

But the argument over past responsibility has contributed to a growing consensus for a hard line against Brit-ain. The former budget minister, Nicolas Sarkozy, summed up the feeling in the Gaullist movement when he said the han on British beef imports should remain total. He said that there were 160,000 cases

few dozen in France. A former prime minister, Raymond Barre, said a solution might not be found until there was a general election in Britain, while the most emotional response came from the leader of Les Verts, Dominique Voynet, who said

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other of mishandling the sion" on mad cow disease, issue. A parliamentary in saying it was "high time to quiry will apportion responsibility between the Socialist proach to this issue, which is administration, which was obscuring the facts, and to ousted in 1993, and the Gauilist-led cabinet.

ers could face bankruptcy. The mad cow row has poisoned French parliamentary life, with the government and opposition accusing each opposition e

Siryam Bhatis in Biddo, West Bank

ASSER ARAFAT'S Pal-estinian Authority has bowed to domestic pressure by agreeing to hold an inquiry into the shooting of an unarmed young man in Biddo village, near

The killing of Riad Badwan. aged 22, who was shot dead by police on Saturday, has fu-elled the anger and concern of to describe Mr Arafat's

regime as a dictatorship. "Arafat's police are barbar-ians," said Abed Badwan, the victim's uncle. "They are not human beings. They should be here to protect us, not kill our children." He himself was severely beaten by police as he arrived at the nearby Ramallah hospital to identify the body of his nephew.

Badwan was shot by Palestin-ian police on the outskirts of ian police on the outskirts of researcher for the Israeli But witnesses told local jour-his village shortly after he had human rights organisation nalists the man had stopped.

stepped out of a wedding B'tselem, was arrested by reception. The police had arrived to arrest members of a local family involved in a local family involved brawl with neighbours.

But the incident turned into a confrontation when the and addresses of bystanders. When stones and empty bottles were thrown in their direction, they responded by opening fire with live ammunition. Badwan died instantly after a bullet hit him in the cheek and exited through his

neck. Four other villagers were wounded, one seriously. "The main problem of the Palestinian police is that they open fire without justifica-tion," said Bassem Eid, a human rights activist. "When they shoot they should abide by certain regulations, otherwise it becomes useless. When there are no rules, as is

police, so many people can be injured or killed." Earlier this year Mr Eid, a

following day after the inter-vention of Israeli ministers. Mr Eid was never told what the charges against him were, but he believes Mr Arafat was unhappy with his repeated criticisms of human rights vi-olations in the West Bank and

Gaza Strip.
The Biddo killing has prompted the Palestinian governor of Ramallah, Mustapha Eisa Abu Firas, to announce an official inquiry, But human rights activists note that such inquiries in the past have never led to disciplinary

action. Last month, a Palestinian policeman shot and seriously injured a young driver after firing into his car as he drove through Al Bireh, the twin city of Ramallah.

Police claimed that the man had ignored orders to stop for a routine check of his papers.

completely unprovoked.
In Ramallah yesterday. dozens of Palestinians held a noisy demonstration to demand the release of Ivad al-Sarraj, the prominent human

rights activist who was ar-rested a week ago. Mr Sarraj, aged 53, a psy-chiatrist and a British national, is being held in Gaza's central prison on charges of assaulting a police-man. At his first court hearing last Thursday, he said he had been tortured by his Pal-

estinian interrogators. Mr Arafat ordered Mr Sarraj's arrest after he had received a letter from him complaining about human rights violations in the West Bank and Gaza

"Everyone in our country and abroad knows the truth. Mr President," Mr Sarraj wrote. "My statements to the press were no more than the expression of a painful reality ods of torture in your prisons."

New ally secures power for Likud

Our Correspondent in Jerusalem

NEW Israeli govern-Soviet dissident, Natan Shar-ansky, agreed last night to add his Russian immigrants party to prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu's coalition. Mr Sharansky will become

industry and trade minister in a cabinet that should have been sworn in yesterday, along with the new members of Israel's Knesset (parlia-ment), but was delayed by haggling over cabinet

portfolios.
"We're in the government," "We're in the government," Mr Sharansky announced after emerging from Mr Netanyahu's parliamentary office. Earlier, Mr Sharansky insisted he would join the government only if his party were given the housing portfolio. He said his party, which won seven seats in the 120. won seven seats in the 120-member Knesset, had prom-ised supporters it would solve the housing crisis. Russian immigrants face some of the worst bousing problems in the country.

Mr Sharansky is the last co-

alition partner to sign an agreement with Mr Netanyahu. Last Sunday the new Israeli prime minister reached similar agreements with two religious parties -Shas and the National Religious Party — as well as the centrist and secular Third Way, which opposes the return of the occupied Golan Heights to Syria.

It was unclear last night whether Mr Netanyahu had solved the crisis within his own party after four senior members of Likud claimed they had been humiliated by offers of junior portfolios in his new government. The best known is the retired general Ariel Sharon, who continues to demand the finance or defence ministry.
Yesterday morning a com-

promise seemed likely when a spokesman for Gen Sharon said he had agreed to accept the housing ministry after pressure from friends; but by evening Mr Netanyahu was Job to one of the religious parties. There was speculation iom Mr Netanyahu's cabmer today, as minister without

If Gen Sharon were given the housing job, it would be a blow for the Palestinians. who remember him as the driving force behind Jewish settlement in the West Bank and Gaza under the last Likud government in the early

His reappearance would also unnerve the Palestinian president Yasser Arafat who has staked his political future on the self-rule accords signed with the outgoing Labour government that froze

most settlement. Likud published its policy guidelines on Sunday promising to reinforce settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and maintain Israel's self-proclaimed sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

Another last-minute cabinet change affects the gover-nor of the Bank of Israel. Yaakov Frenkel, who was yesterday tipped to become the new finance minister. Sources close to Mr Netanyahu say the ministry may now go to one of the four Likud party rebels, Dan Meridor, a former minister of jus-tice. Mr Meridor is widely reflected in stories about cor-ruption, nepotism and meth-party leadership before the

Defeated Nastase sees his future in politics

Reuter in Bucharest

THE Romanian former tennis star Ilie Nastase conceded defeat in elections for mayor of Bucharest yesterday but made it clear he had acquired a taste for politics.

Official results from Sunday's run-off vote put Vic-tor Ciorbea of the opposi-tion Democratic Convention on 56.7 per cent to 43.3 per cent for Mr Nastase, who stood for the governing leftwing Party of Social Democracy (PDSR).

Although he was de-feated, Mr Nastase has doubled the party vote and injected some life into a party associated with dour communists. Mr Ciorbea, a union offi-

cial and lawyer, acknowledged the international attention and flair Mr Nastase had brought to the elections. "I want to thank the other candidates, especially Ilie Nastase, who brought colour to this campaign and drew internaional interest to our city, Mr Clorbea said.

The Bucharest election, part of national municipal and county polls, has been seen as a key test before parliamentary and presidential elections expected in early November.

Priebke trial judges accused

John Hooper in Rome

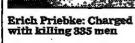
HE trial of the former SS officer Erich Priebke was thrown into confusion yesterday after allegations by the prosecution against the military judges hearing the case. The entire proceedings may now have to begin again.

The prosecuting counsel, Antonio Intelisano, asked in court for all three judges to be removed. He said he based his request on "a reported offence and events of considerable gravity", but did not say
what they were.
A report on the state-owned
RAI television network said

one of the judges had said at the start of the trial that the verdict was already decided. But other sources yesterday indicated that the alleged offence had been imputed to a court official. Mr Intelisano said he would

produce evidence in support of his petition, including a statement taken by police from a witness. It will then be up to the military appeal court to decide whether to proceed. The case was adjourned until July 10.

Yesterday's move by the prosecution was the latest bizarre development in what could well prove to be the last Nazi war crimes trial. Earlier this month, Karl



SS officer who was to have been a key prosecution wit-ness, was badly injured as he tried to flee from his hotel to avoid testifying. He fell from the first floor

balcony and later testified from a hospital bed. But his evidence was at odds with what he had previously told newspaper interviewers.
Priebke, aged 82, is charged

with involvement in Italy's most infamous wartime reprisal — the killing of 335 men and boys at the Ardeatine Caves on the outskirts of Rome in 1944. He was extradited last year from Argentina

His trial revolves around the issue of what would have happened if he had refused to take part in the massacre. His lawyers say he would have been shot for disobeying

Herbert Kappler, Priebke's commanding officer in the SS. testified at his trial in 1948 that his subordinates would indeed have faced death. However, in an interview almost 20 years later with the Rome daily Il Tempo, he said newspaper al-Hayat reported services have an he had lied to protect them. that 40,000 Syrjan troops had 600 ethnic Turks.



ENSIONS between Syria and Turkey, alleged troop movements near their borders, and bomb blasts in Damascus and elsewhere have reinforced widespread fears that President Hafez al-Assad is facing a growing campaign of pressure, propaganda and

The campaign, generally thought to be led by the United States and Israel, is bound to intensify after Binyamin Netanyahu's triumph in the Israeli elections. US officials have been

highly critical of Syria for its "unhelpful" reaction to the new rightwing Israeli government Damascus has protested that Israel, not Syria, has lurched into a new extremism, and that it is absurd for

the US to call for a restraint from the Arab side that it does not seem to require from the Israelis. At the weekend, the Saudi

ian-Turkish frontier. Tur-key's Anatolian news agency said Syrian and Turkish traders had seen Syrian armour taking up positions in northern Syrian towns. But Ankara said yesterday the troop movements were "isolated and posed no threat.

The agency said there had been more bomb explosions in Syria recently, which it claimed were the work of Syria's Muslim Brotherhood. Eyewitnesses said the explosions were unsophisticated attempts to attract at-tention rather than cause casualties. One incident reportedly involved a hand

grenade left in a rubbish bin. Western diplomats said Syria's ability to control its internal security, with a level of repression that Amnesty International has frequently condemned, suggests strongly that any subversion is being

organised from abroad. They believe Turkish military intelligence is the most likely culprit. So, clearly. does Syria. whose security services have arrested about

The bombs are thought to be retaliation for Syria's stepped-up backing of sepa-ratist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) guerrillas. This, along with disputes over the Euphrates waters and Tur-key's recent strategic co-operation pact with Israel, has brought Turkish-Syrian rela-tions to a very low ebb.

Syria's key ally Iran is rallying to its side. An official in Tehran said yesterday that Ankara "doesn't seem to realise what problems its unlimited co-operation with Israel could bring it in the Arab world". The recent Saudi-Egyptian-Syrian summit also called on Turkey to reconsider the treaty.

The only Arab country undisturbed by Turkish-Syrian tensions is Jordan, which is engaged in acrimonious propaganda exchanges with Syria The Jordanian weekly al-

Bilad has claimed 27 people were killed in a recent attempt to kill President Assad, his brother and son. It said the alleged coup — by Sunni officers — was planned with the help of the CIA. "In coordination with Ankara".



enough to toy with exiting from the EU risks brutal punishment. Such risks are strangely absent from the deliberations of Eurosceptics. John Gray

Any British government foolish

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A lukewarm victory

Russia's future remains highly uncertain

BORIS YELTSIN's first-round victory second-round electoral support.

was a close call, but a couple of percent- Mr Zyuganov now needs to broaden age points make all the difference. If the margin had gone to Gennady Zyuganov, this would have been seen as a comprehensive verdict against the Russian president's shambolic and sometimes brutal leadership; now his narrow win prompts instant praise for his fighting qualities and the good sense of the Russian electorate. Mr Yeltsin has clambered back from the abysmal polls of early this year, using all the advan-tages at his disposal, from the press handouts of a presidentially-dominated media to the cash handouts which he flung around the regions. He was also helped by the anachronistic nationalism of his main opponent: by loosely invoking the spirit of Stalin, Mr Zyugenov movided from a spirit of stalin, Mr Zyugenov movided from a spirit of stalin, Mr Zyugenov movided from the ganov provided free ammunition for Mr Yeltsin's anti-communist campaign. But the figures require cool analysis: the sitting president, with all his superior weapons, has still won only a third of the votes. His nearest rival, though leading a party whose history presented a host of easy targets, has come very close to gaining the psychological firstround edge. Surveys also suggest that some 40 per cent of those who actually voted for Mr Yeltsin did so with reluctance, seeing him merely as the lesser of two evils.

The position of Alexander Lebed, the former general whose votes will now be courted by both sides, also needs to be defined with care. Gruff and "no-nonsense" he may be, but this image of an honest, non-political soldier can be misleading. Mr Lebed adopts a tough law and order approach which may appeal to an insecure society but could instead heighten its tensions: his admiration for General Pinochet of Chile is not reassuring. Neither is the scenario according to which Mr Yeltsin may give | bility. Whoever wins or loses, Russia is him complete control of the army and/ still embarked on a difficult transition or security forces in return for his into a very uncertain future.

the message if he is to have any chance in a two-man race. The vote for Mr Yelisin was not a positive endorsement of the president or of the mixed bless-ings of the free market it was much more a negative reaction to images of the past which were exaggerated by nightly innuendo in the pro-Yeltsin media. An exit poll on Sunday for the Washington Post showed that twice as many voters opposed privatisation as actually voted for Mr Zyuganov; many who believed that life was better under communism still did not vote for him. Pitching for the patriotic vote, he was then vulnerable to Mr Lebed's appeal for the revival of Russian great power. The outside world plays an ambigu-

blatant endorsement of Mr Yeltsin, yet

the sigh of relief in Washington is plainly audible in Moscow. A different result in this first round would have conjured up a storm of alarmist epitaphs about Russia retreating to communism; the democratic choice of the Russian people would then have been portrayed in a much less favourable light. Such an attitude is hardly healthy or balanced; we should neither prejudge Russia's democratic choice nor demonise one possible outcome. The bulk of the electorate takes a cool view of the medicine prescribed by the West and is sceptical of any of the candidates' abilities to offer a cure. If this leads to a confused public opinion, then it is in response to the confusion of their lives. And whatever the outcome, a new president will feel obliged to re-assert a wounded sense of nationhood. This is the real problem facing the West and one for which we have some responsi-



copper scandal is that commodities are i police force to monitor them. Money can be shifted around the world electronically to the British Virgin Isles via Bermuda by way of Guernsey and goodness knows where else. It is easy to blame the regulators — and they deserve their share - but they are up against formidable problems which may never be solved until they have the resources to match their task. London's success in generating "invisible" earnings owes much to light-fingered regulation. If regulation is too tight then the business could easily shift to overseas tax havens. Regulation needs to catch villains without undermining the trade. It won't be easy even for a Labour government wanting to streamline the City's approach to regulation to get this

At the heart of the copper scandal is a wheeze of Boys' Own Paper simplicity. Huge amounts of copper were stored in warehouses — particularly in the warehouse of the London Metal Exchange (LME) at Long Beach, California enabling some traders to force the cash (the regulator of the regulators) clearly price up. US regulators got suspicious isn't working properly. With memories when loads of copper went into the of the Barings, Lloyds, Maxwell, BCCI price up. US regulators got suspicious warehouse and hardly any came out. and pension-selling scandals still fresh This coincided with the unusual situa- in the popular mind, the case for a UStion in which the price of copper for style statutory, regulatory body grows immediate delivery was higher than for ever stronger, not perfect but better delivery in three months' time instead than the present set-up. There have of the other way round. Yasuo Haman- | been several scandals too many in the aka (the trader with the Japanese City.

balance right.

THE FIRST lesson of the international | group, Sumitomo which admits to losing 51.5 billion over 10 years in unaua global business without a global thorised trades) and others are said to be at the heart of a worldwide operation only parts of which have so far come to

the surface. The solution — to have much more efficient regulation - is easier said than done. It means stronger internal regulation by companies in their own interest to uncover rogue traders like Leeson and Hamanaka before they wipe out their own profits. It also means much better self-regulation by bodies like the LME, where 70 per cent of the world's copper is traded, which hardly seems to have been galvanised by the regulatory reforms of recent years. Even though its turnover runs into many billions of pounds it still seems like a 19th century gentlemen's club illequipped to probe the activities of its own members. The solution entails much stronger external regulation. The present system of devolving primary regulation to companies supervised by bodies like the Securities and Futures Authority (which licences traders) and the Securities and Investment Board

Channel 4: a licence to cut taxes

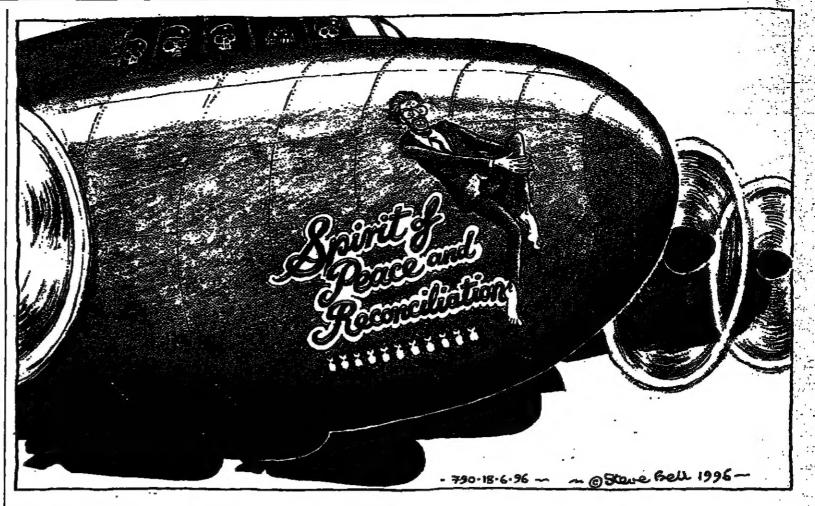
Selling the company could undermine its successful culture

hell-bent on privatisation would try again with Channel 4. Earlier attempts twice over; not only is it publicly owned failed because the new channel — dedi- but highly successful — a virus that cated to interests not catered for by ITV | must not be allowed to spread. - was sufficiently respected across the political spectrum that a sale would have been counter-productive. But the search for manifesto tax cuts, coupled with the revenge of the moral right over the supposed de-Grade-ation of C4, has begat moves to privatise it after the

election to raise £1.5 billion for tax cuts. Channel 4 is unique — the only state corporation set up by the world's greatest privatiser, Mrs Thatcher, who never dreamed that a minority channel could become so successful. Instead of being subsidised by ITV companies it now subsidises them (£74 millions last year) under an unfair system of levies due to end in 1999. In a rational world C4's formula of public ownership and commercial independence might be a role singularly ill-suited

IT WAS inevitable that a government | model for other companies but not

C4 is far from perfect. Its chief executive has tempted fate by occasional forays into low taste and trivia. But such criticisms are dwarfed by his achievements, including helping to finance a string of successful films. It is difficult to see how a privatised C4 under flercer profits pressure could keep that innovative formula. It could easily make more profits --- by scheduling Hollywood blockbusters in place of opera - but it doesn't. Why can't the Government accept that competition between different kinds of companies is good? C4 should be retained as it is because it is efficient and full of energy. It shouldn't be forced into a cultural metamorphosis to which it might be



Letters to the Editor ous role in all of this. The US adminis-tration has said it seeks to avoid any

Lessons at the deep end Sisters fall out over

ries that "in philosophical inquiry there is ... no right answer to a question" and suggests this might lead to rela-tivism and possibly the mis-use of authority by the teacher who should be giving clear guidance. If relativism means that everyone's ideas and opinions are equally valid, and so can never be chal-lenged or examined, then it

But we might accept that some of life's questions have no easy answers and that children can be helped to tackle them in conversation with a philosophically sensi-tive teacher and each other. The teacher's job would be to keep the discussion focused and moving forward and to en-courage the students to reflect, use examples and counter ex-amples, question assumptions, suggest distinctions and analogies, and notice problems and inconsistencies — in other words, to discuss more philosophically.

Where else are children to learn these skills and habits of mind? Most examples on tele-vision involve people trying to Steve Williams.

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F COURSE philosophy is fessionals, any more than lit- I Morgan. erature has, and it would die if 26 May Crescent, it were to become so. It is Lincoln LNI ILP.

Rendered angry

T IS not just in Kent that

there is nuisance from

smells from animal-waste pro-cessing plants (BSA waste

sprayed on land, June 11). In Lancaster, residents have had

to endure the appalling stench

that the local plant can emit

for 30 years as well as the smells and occasional spil-

lages from lorries bringing pu-

trefying material to the plant.

Britain has one of the most

relaxed regulatory regimes for the rendering industry in

northern Europe. Enforce-

ment is hampered by respon-sibility being divided between

local authorities and the

water companies. The indus-try itself has a dominant voice

in the committees which ad-

vise on authorisations under the Environmental Protection

Act and the Government con-sistently favours it in disputes

with local authorities. Moni-toring data is hidden from

ENNY TURNER (Laura out abstract ideas come to and Paul do profundity, weekend, June 8) wor justice, truth, reason and all the rest. But just see the growth in such groups, watch how they take these skills and use them for the difficult prac-tical world that they inhabit — with bolshie officialdom, indifferent "belping agencies"
— and I wonder if anyone could ever doubt the revolutionary impact of community

philosophy.

No wonder Roger Scruton is so sneering and dismissive. Elitists do have reason to worry if this thing gets a hold. Rosemary Milne. Training Learning

Consultancy, 2 St Leonard's Bank,

AM worried by Jenny Turner's conclusion that this kind of disciplined practice in discussion has no con-nexion with real adult philos-ophy. Of course children's arguments are not the same as the discussions of university students. But then neither is a child's eager participation when his or her parents are mending the garage just like the work which that child may do later as an engineer-

ters is to pick up the general spirit of such activities, to start seeing them as interest-ing and possible. And if one does not do this as a child, it is much harder to do it later.

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confidential. The Government has refused to set a proper

national framework for the lo-

cation of these plants and in-stead has relied on the mar-

ket, in which the needs of

local communities are not rep-

resented, to improve condi-

It is ironic that the Govern-

ment, having allowed the ren-derers to produce the animal protein which caused BSE, is

now subsidising them to dis-pose of culled cattle. It is scan-

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public view as commercially | dalous that local authorities

Philosophy has never been a quarantined enclave for pro-fessionals, any more than litwrong for professional philos-ophers to reject the whole Mary Midgley. 1a Collingwood Terrace, Newcastle on Tyne NE2 2JP.

S TURNER was right to expose the elite selfrecruitment of a new wave of philosophers, which does not sit well with the supposedly egalitarian teaching princi-ples the specialist facilitators

However, the introduction of philosophy in schools would be a welcome addition to the curriculum. The way we live our lives, our choices, politics, morals and so forth are grounded in philosophy. The practical benefits of such an education would include more informed and considered decision-making, and a more questioning manner of are not encouraged.

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Sophie's World into the wastepaper basket because its contents were "paedophilic" and "routine". What really bugs so many academic phi losophers about this book is that it possesses a vitality and clarity of exposition their own writings so sadly lack.

ACME RENDERING

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have still not been given full details of this programme and

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The Government has a res-

ponsibility to see that the plants operate in an environ-

mentally acceptable way. That

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tial areas. (Clir) Ian Barker.

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sons and daughters

N HER enthusiasm to be reinforced by her happily childless sisters of the future, self-confessed feminist writer Joan Smith (Women, June 17) falls into the dreary trap of denigrating the choices and aspirations of the vast numbers of us who have chosen to have kids here and now.

One can only note the weight of the value judgment implicit in her example of a "successful" filmmaker who has chosen not to have kida, as compared with the much duller "mother of two who has worked since shortly after the birth of her first child". Guess who you'd rather be?

Where is the fun? Where are the emotional rewards? Where is the passion that moour partners) to combine work and kids with an optibeing. These advantages are mism that defies social trends, the absence of comprehensive child-care proviated and subjects such as sociology sion and the triumph of hope over good sense? Sue Garland.

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I tion of women who remain childless is expected to double "as growing num-bers decide to put their careers first" (Twice as many childless women as population falls, June 14). While for many women this may be the reason, for others it is a positive choice unrelated to career aspirations. I do not want children because I do not want children. It is sad that any woman Warwick University should have to choose be-

tween children and a career, a choice that men have never been forced to make. It is also sad that the other, equally valid reasons for remaining childless remain unacknowledged, and that those of us who simply don't want child-ren continue to be seen by many as selfish or odd or to be pitied. So many people, men and women, drift into parenthood because it seems the obvious thing to do. Surely this decision should be

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taken positively. A rational, informed choice will never be ours while the shapers of society continue to regard motherhood as women's raison d'être. Laura Woodruff. 2 Cotswold Rise.

Barry. Vale of Glamorgan.

EMINIST commentators are tending to express sadness at what they see as the unnecessary renunciation of maternity by many women. If maternity is seen a a matter of choice, and the "maternal instinct" is experienced only by a proportion of women, their sadness is misplaced. Instead we should surely cele-brate the fact that those who cation can carry it out. In future there might be a concentration of fewer but far larger families for those who choose this path, as against growing numbers of single people, or people in childless relationships. This seems to be sensible, equitableand far more economically efficient Sarab Mulholland Department of Continuing Rducation Warwick University.

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Now on Radio 4, a few shrieks

changes in the BBC as the "shriek of Middle England" (A

radio tsar to watch, June 17). If there is a shriek in the air it is in direct proportion to the threat facing BBC radio under the recently announced restructuring proposals. At the heart of the changes is an that it can afford its "digital and multiplex" future. That means there will be winners and losers.

With Matthew Bannister ranked seventh in the new structure he's bound to be a loser. After all, with no place London N3 2SQ.

AM getting a little weary at | at the top table he'll hardly be the Guardian's dismissal of | in a pivotal position to argue in a pivotal position to argue the voice of protest at recent | for the continued financial se curity of Radios 1, 2, 3 and 4. And that's how John Birt wants it. If he is to afford his glorious "digital worldplayer" future he's going to need a lot of radio's cash.

As it is, BBC radio costs al-most half the licence fee and, despite being an essential part inordinately desperate at of the nation's social and cultempt to slash the running costs of the corporation so that it can afford its "digital either it will have to learn how to get by on an awful lot less or offer up bits of itself to the ultimate sacrifice. Stephen McKenna

A Country Diary

SOMERSET: There was little | commentary and time-faults evidence of gloom as Somer-set's agricultural community set out its stall at the Bath and West Show. Beyond the glistening Porsches, Range-Rovers and space-age farm machinery, and the tents full of waxed costs, saddlery and or waxed coats, saddlery and jodhpurs, were the Dartmoor pony class, the cheese pavilion, the shepherds' flockmasters and the parade of goats. The great, champion Charolic bulls of the product of the parade of the parade of goats. lais bulls, combed and cosseted, sprawled, untroubled by CAP regulations, on beds of clean straw. There were pigs of immense size, supe-rior beasts and stars of the show circuit, yawning at the boredom of it all. But it was the pig-handlers' competition ("one man and his pig") that

specially caught our eye.

Each man, armed with a wooden shield in his left hand and a short batten or crook in his right, attempted to guide his pig through a slalom of stakes and a fabric tunnel, over a ramp and a jump, into a pen, and then along the finishing straight. There was a Hickstead-style

were awarded. One handler, identified as Simon, almost straddled his pig, shielding its vicin for the strands of the strands o its vision from distraction on the left, and nudging its rear, and right side with the crook.
"You don't argue with Simon," said the commentator. Most of the handlers adopted the cautious tactic of crawling through the turned. adopted the cautious lattice of crawling through the tunnel behind the pig, but one sent his pig in and strolled along-side. His over-confidence was penalised when the pig con-trived to turn in the restricted space and emerge at the start end to loud applause.

The NFU and our MEP were holding conferences and serious business was being done, but the general impression was of something like an old-fashioned derby day. The commentator revealed that the pig-handler was "the Reverend Simon." A pig-handling West Country parson seemed just right alongside the whirring sheep-shearers and clanging blacksmiths.

JOHN VALLINS

On that affair

AM very disappointed by the Guardian's treatment of the Daily Mail's unjustified intrusion into the private life of the columnist Polly Toynof the columnist Polly Toynbee. Last Monday, you gave Paul Dacre, editor of the Daily Mail, plenty of space to put over a tendentious defence of his paper's behaviour, two days before the Daily Mail ran an attack on Polly Toynbee by her lover's estranged wife. Then last Friday Bel Littlejohn was at her most saide at Polly Toynbee's most snide at Polly Toynbee's expense. The only redeeming feature of the Guardian's coverage has been this Monday's hard-boiled account by Roy Greenslade of what he calls

"l'affaire Toynbee". I was not surprised that the Times chose to reprint the Daily Mail article verbatim (after all, it is doing its best to become more like the Daily Mail), but I expected at least to see the Guardian line up with the Independent in defence of decent journalism. Or is circu-lation all that matters? Giles Radice MP.

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John's song

YOUR coverage of John Prescott's speech at Rus-kin College ('Failure' Prescott shuns elite schools, June 14) failed to mention the stage-managed nature of his lec-ture. I attended the lecture. Prescott's speech consisted of generalisations laced with anecdotes and soundbites. He carefully avoided specific policies, such as class size or funding for mature students. Questions permitted.

Those on the left who see Prescott as a counterbalance to Tony Blair should take note. The audience learned nothing about New Labour's education policy but a great deal about the way in which the party stifles debate.

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High on hope

YOU wrongly imply that those who use Ecstasy risk illnesses similar to Parkinson's disease (Brain damage warning to Ecstasy users, June 16). You appear to be misreading the British Medi-cal Journal editorial, which mentioned Parkinson's disease-like damage in connection with another drug. A slimming drug, d-fenflura-

mine, was recently approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for lifetime use after an expert committee decided that the risks were low compared to the benefits. This is relevant, as most evidence that Ecstasy may cause long-term damage originates from Dr George Ricaurte, who be-lieves that fenfluramine and MDMA (Ecstasy) are identi-cally neurotoxic.

There is no evidence that Ecstasy use is without long-term risk. But research costing millions of dollars has falled to find functional dam-age, so the risks are probably lower than believed. Nicholas Saunders, 14 Neal's Yard. London WC2H 9DP.



Diary

Matthew Norman

HILE the Birthday Honours headlines surrounded George Martin's knighthood, the Diary's attention was grabbed by a more obscure award . . the honouring of retired Daily Mail photographer Monty Fresco with the MBE. There is nothing odd in this, since Mr Fresco 70, has a fine reputation after a long and successful career. What is odd — in-deed, what is almost unbelievable — is this: a year ago, in the last Birthday Honours, a cousin of Monty Fresco's, also a Fleet Street photographer, also received the MBE. His name is Monte Fresco. Monte, 57, works for the Mirror, and while he can boast the famous shot of Vinny Jones holding Gazza by the cobblers, his MBE did strike some as perhaps a shade generous. Cheap minds will suspect an error
— that the MBE, always meant for Monty, originally went to Monte by spelling mistake, and the Diary will be investigating.

However, we doubt such a

made. Her Brittanic Majes

cock-up could have been

ty didn't get where she is today by confusing her

AM astonished by a new drawing of Boris the Jackal Johnson (it goes above his Monday Telegraph column) that gives him the aspect of a pantomime gangster. Followers of the Whacky Races will be reminded of the Ant Hill Mob, from Chicago, while upon his head resides what seems to be either a Rastafarian cap or a skunk. The effect appears to be a savage and deliberate ploy to make a figure of fun out of the Jackal. "The Guv'nor's gawn out." said a voice rem iniscent of the late Bernard Bresslaw when I rang his office yesterday. But does he like his new drawing? Like it?" said the voice. "He's so chaffed, he's gone to see the illustrator, in person. Poor geezer's been in an accident." Oh dear, when was that? "Ooh, in about 20 minutes. I reckon depending on the traffic. . . '

F music be the food of love, few will be surprised to learn of the serenading condom. Invented by Hungarian Ferenc Ko-vacs, it starts to play once the device is unrolled, and users may choose between two tunes: You Sweet Little Dumb-bell; or the old Communist ditty. Arise, Ye

issuing a libel writ against Michael Winner. He recently wrote to the editor. contesting a report that be once told a TV interviewer how his late mother spent 10 years suing him. We have finally located a copy of Women Talk-ing (BBC2, November 4. 1993). "I think about my mother almost every day," Michael told Janet Street-Porter. "She was suing me for 10 years." The wearer of jumbo knickers added that her attempt to get money off him (allegedly to feed a gambling habit) "gave me my first fully blocked artery. The doctors rushed me off to hospital. And my mother came over to see her darling son, and the doctors said: 'The one person he mustn't see is you, Mrs Winner. You're the person that's put him here'." What a family, eh? What a blee-

ETER Bottomley, the excitable MP for Eltham, is the subject of an important new book. Bottomley The Brave, by Peter Harris and Doffy Weir, relates how a ginger cat (Bottomley) foils two burglars (that's the bravery). One of the two small girls seen cuddling Bottom-ley is unquestionably mod-elled on the Heritage Secretary, while the other, confusingly, is a ringer for Ann Widdecombe. What the hell's going on? The book is published by Hutchinson at £9.99, and Peter may well become only the second cartoon character (after Mr Saucy Squirrel) to star in a Book of the Month.

HE University of Hud-dersfield has suffered a fiscal reverse. It has scrapped 65,000 glossy student prospectuses because the map on the back page shows the M6, rather than the M62. The "2" was lost thanks to a last-minute decision to reduce the margins an economy measure that has cost £56,000.



How to attract a better class of MP

Commentary

Hugo Young

T the moment when T the moment when politicians are held in lower esteem than ever before, they're about to be recommended for the highest pay-rise anyone has ever suggested. At 30 per cent, the proposed increase for MPs put together yesterday by the Senior Salaries Review Board is 12 times greater than inflation, which must constitute some kind of record for political insensitive. record for political insensitivity. I hope, however, that both the Government and Parlia-ment have the nerve to accept it. It touches many of the issues that matter in modern

The case is good in both equity and economics. MPs' pay is no higher in real terms than it was in 1961, since when the real incomes of the population at large have risen more than 80 per cent. Ministers, who are also judged to deserve a big rise, now get 50 per cent less than their predecessors in Harold Wilson's first administration. But ters, who are also judged to wants to give them.

Many of them fill lots of cessors in Harold Wilson's first administration. But these arresting figures will stored to be more diligent in what's by far their biggest month vacation shortly attract into the encourage the month vacation shortly attract into the seriously, a seems the statillar and the stealth. Shocking laws get thing about it. With a three-encourage the month vacation shortly attract into the seriously, a seems the statillar and the stealth. Shocking laws get thing about it. With a three-encourage the month vacation shortly attract into the seriously, a seems the statillar and the stealth. Shocking laws get thing about it. With a three-encourage the month vacation shortly attract into the section of people equivalent in the section shortly attract into the section shortly attract in

such over-fed, self-important, good-for-nothing free-loaders back into the stone age of public penury where they belong. Social justice for MPs will never be a cry that evokes much sympathy. Bringing them up to £44,000, and cabinet ministers up to £88,000, will seem incomprehensible to any public-sector worker looking at two per cent if she's lucky.

I start from a different pre-I start from a different pre-mise. Far from suffering from too much self-importance, MPs show most conspicu-ously too little self-respect. Their unpopularity rests not on their pay, which most people know is not excessive, but on their impotence. The reason for the low regard in which there's held her more which they're held has more to do with the self-enfeehling discipline they submit to than with the life of Riley they lead: with their refusal to say what they really think than with the poinposity they reprone to bring to anything they think at all. It is, in short, because MPs refuse to do the job that's waiting to be done that so many people think they're not worth the money the Review Body

not deter the anti-politician brigade, which is already pre-paring the headlines to blast and fewer still took cash for Few of them are backsliders, and fewer still took cash for questions. But they resist the heroic role. Told to be cy-phers, they are mostly willing. They let the executive control them, even when the executive barely has a majority. They build careers out of

ity. They build careers out of defending the sacred sovereignty of Parliament while seldom lifting a finger against the sovereignty of ministers. They need money as well as power, but arguably should only get the money when they've shown they're willing to take the power.

They should, first, be more professional. Many are already full-time politicians, but lots are not very good but lots are not very good ones. A bigger salary would eventually attract a better class of politician, giving himor herself full-time to work that mattered. Banning out-side work isn't practical, but the trend towards profession-alism will make it rarer and shouldn't be deterred by romantic notions about the value part-timers have to offer the body politic. That's just an excuse for the many gaps politicians leave in the work we're entitled to expect of them.

Second, therefore, they

through, which no self-respecting legislators would ever allow. The poll tax and the Child Support Agency were two. Education bills have shot through the assem-bly of the nation at hysterical, ill-considered speed. Criminal justice bills have made and re-made and double-reversed penal policy, thanks to the idleness and cowardice of pol-iticians who allow their lead-ers to do their thinking for

One specific reform, which would help to make legislators worth their money. would be the amalgamation of select and standing committees, to permit the proper, pre-legislative, expert scru-tiny of wild schemes secretly dreamed up. Robert Jackson MP, one among several, proposes this in a paper for the Macleod Group. By this route, the backbencher would truly legislate. But that's not the only aching void. House of Commons scrutiny of what's

They should only get the money when they've shown they're willing to take the power

being proposed by the European Council and Commission is utterly inadequate. In all the sanctimonious whinge-ing about the power of "Europe", note should also be taken of the absence of any parliamentary will in London to build the structures and make the sacrifices to do any-

the last vestige of public doubt about such a massive pay-rise would be swept

away.

My brief agenda involves recognition of a truth that emerged not long ago from the surprising mouth of a for-mer Tory chief whin, "Being part of a voting machine," wrote Tim Renton, "is neither a very thoughtful nor a very honourable business." MPs should take responsibility for their legislative decisions. Old-fashioned whipping the former chief suggested, no longer fits the spirit of the

Robert Jackson proposes a rationale for this. It would in-volve some diminution of adversary politics, appropriate, he says, to a time when Par-liament no longer performs its old function. "The modern demos consists of a multiplicity of self-interested and scep tical individuals for whom politics is no longer struc-tured by general ideas." Poli-tics, rather, is a play of inter-ests and influences, and what people care about is the detail of how politics affects their daily lives. They want politi-cians not so much to express their allegiance as to promote their interests in a practical

their interests in a practical way, which party and its rigid disciplines make them very bad at doing.

A body of MPs who began to meet this job-description would be worth fully \$50,000 a head. The voters would be happy. It's not politicians they hate, but a system that prevents politicians rising to their proper task. That won't their proper task. That won't happen overnight, though it's implicit somewhere in Mr Blair's reformist idealism. To encourage the evolution, and attract into the trade the kind of people equipped to take it seriously, a 30 per cent rise seems the smallest price to

devaluation. A succession of old-fashioned sterling crises could leave the pound permanently weakened. Asian companies which see Britain as a point of entry into European markets might redirect their

investments elsewhere. What would then become of foreign boldings in the British stockmarket? What would happen to British government bonds held by financial institutions and speculators? Any British government foolish enough to toy with exiting from the EU risks brutal punishment. Such risks are strangely absent from the deliberations of Eurosceptics who regularly profess the deepest reverence for the market. HE attractions for

the right of leaving the EU are not in the end economic. The Tory right perceives that European institutions are a major threat to the Thatcherite objective of reshaping Britain in the image of US capitalism.

It does not appear to have noticed that the Reaganite capitalism which it seeks to import into Britain has be-come a political liability in the US itself. Nor has it paused to ask what interest the US, which has always been a supporter of European integraporter of European integra-tion, would have in a post-European Britain. Yet Tory Eurosceptics may well be right in seeing leaving the EU as their last chance of salvag-ing the Thatcharita majort ing the Thatcherite project.

For the Conservative Party electorally, on the other hand, flirting with withdrawal abounds with dangers. De-spite their real doubts about European institutions, voters preoccupied with economic insecurity will not tolerate the risks of leaving the EU. Indeed, any party on which a tacit agenda of withdrawal can be credibly pinned is cer-tain to suffer heavy electoral losses. The callow calculations of Tory Eurosceptics that an anti-European nationalist agenda will turn the tide for their party are wide of the mark. They show only how far removed they have become from the anxieties of the ordinary people for whom they claim to speak.

A combination of electoral rout with the threat of decree.

rout with the threat of devastating punishment by the world's markets can probably be relied upon to drive the option of withdrawal from the EU back where it belongs on the farther margins of British politics. Britain will not leave the European Union The scenario in which Britain becomes the Puerto Rico of Europe will remain a mere nightmare. But exorcis-ing that vision from the Tory mind, now that it has escaped from its collective unconscious, will not be easy. As they approach the Year Zero

of electoral defeat, the Tories are turning in on themselves.
A cruel, ugly and possibly
protracted civil war over the future of Conservatism cannot now be avoided. A party which doubts, or denies, that Britain's destiny is in Europe has nothing to contribute to public discourse about Europe's future. It falls to Labour to articulate the reasonable scepticism of much of the British people about the present direction of European institutions.

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require the nurturing of political independence. That's the third requirement. With it. At the court of the Russian kingmaker



Norman Stone

TTH the rise of General Lebed, the Russian Revolution has revealed its true colours: it has not been a 1789 at all, with barricades bestridden and New Dawns proclaimed. Rather, it is an 1848, an alto-gether different business, in which the old order was speedily revived, in a far more intelligent and flexible way. It was, by 1849, the liber-als who looked foolish, and not the reactionaries. With the results of Russia's

election coming in, we can see that the West's one-time hero, Gregor Yavlinsky, has got no-where. Time was when he, scanning a Moscow full of United Colors and the like. could smugly say that capitalism and democracy had swept all before them. Not now. For the 1849 of Russia is shown in the rise of his counterpart, Alexander Lebed

This election can only really be a battle for the Yelt-sin succession: it has been remarkable to see Boris so steady on his pins, but would anyone take much of a bet on his physical survival? In these stakes, Lebed is an obviously formidable fellow — young, a body-builder, a non-drinker. He also has experience of Russia where it really counts over nationality policy.

In the old Soviet army, the men at the top were tired, and sometimes bone-headed. Lebed is another matter. In the first place, he knows a great deal about Russian poli-tics: he was used, in the later years of Gorbachev, to put down revolts by the non-Rus-sian peoples. His unit was repeatedly in action: in April 1989 in Tbilisi (where, by some accounts, soldiers on a high attacked demonstrating civilians with sharpened spades), and again in January 1991 in Vilnius. In the history of the Soviet Union, nationality policy was all-important — it was in this that Stalin made his reputation, even before nism's duty to ride the nationalist tiger. That meant much

cunning and learning. General Lebed acquired such things. You had to learn elements of Leninism, is techniques of power, and to know when people should be brow-beaten, and when they should be bought, and when they should be divided. Lebed's career as a political general. In these respects, was illustrative; over Vilnius, he clubbed down the nationalists, and publicly said that Gorbachev was refusing to admit in pub-lic that it was he who had of Oxford

really given the orders. Then, in 1992, Lebed's 14 Army took up station in Tiraspol, where another nationality row developed — this time, over the independence of "Moldova". most of which is a former province of Romania. Alleg-ing a danger of Romanian irredentism. Lebed upheld the rights of the Russian and Ukrainian population of the area. In effect, Lebed enforced partition of the place, at a cost of some 800 lives. But he is nobody's fool

Dominating Moldova as he did, he managed to persuade western foreign offices that he was just even-handedly keeping the show on the road (there was in fact almost no evidence of Romanian irredential). dentism). He could reinforce his alleged neutrality by standing in politics, already in December 1993, as an eco-logical candidate. Lebed continually impresses western visitors, because he is tough, and he knows how to play upon westerners' fears that some tinpot secessionist movement will upset our cosy

post-cold-war arrangements.
Outside Catherine the Great's fortress in Moldova. he said that at least Suvorov, his predecessor in these Marches of the Russian Em-pire, had had a Catherine be-hind him, and at least Zhukov, the architect of victory in 1945, had had a Stalin. But what did he, Lebed, have? Towards Gorbachev and Yeltsin he could only direct contemptuous reproaches: they were feeble, whereas keeping Russia together required strength. That, he has in abundance. And now we shall probably see him making the running in politics.

HE sources of his strength are obvious enough: the "efficient part" of the demoralised soldiers. The armed forces may not wish to take power - how could they? Running their own show has been impossible, and the long Chechen epi-sode was absurdly to its discredit. Lebed knows, and publicly said, that the Chechen affair should never have been tackled as it was. He would have proceeded by clever politics, using force only when necessary, and doing so, where possible, only by proxy — in the Caucasus, not difficult to do.

Where he stands on ecoclear: no doubt he would "modernise" through quasimonopolies, the corruption of which he would try to control by harsh methods.

If Boris Yeltsin wins by a narrow margin, and is then physically incapacitated, then it seems that General Lebed is on our menu as the next course. And the nationalities of Russia, and the ex-Soviet Union, will be, one after another, the next courses on his.

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Castaway UK

Suddenly, Eurosceptics are talking openly about quitting the EU. John Gray outlines the consequences that could make us the Puerto Rico of Europe

has announced the building of three further "supermax" high-security prisons, privately owned and operated, to house young offenders imprisoned under the tribes "rolley. The "three strikes" policy. The Secretary of State for Social Security, defending his proposals for stopping welfare benefits for single mothers after their second child, has argued that "unless traditional families receive proper recognition by the welfare state, the slide towards social breakdown produced by the liberal experiments of the sixties will accelerate uncontrollably". The abolition of em-ployment rights for nine million workers in small firms, proposed some years ago by Michael Heseltine, has indeed had the effect of "pric-ing workers back into jobs": British wage levels are the lowest of any advanced western country other than the

HE Home Secretary and literacy of German school-leavers" as the key reason for the move. After another bout of speculative selling the pound has stabi-lised. It is trading comfortably at a 15 per cent devalua-

tion against the lira.
Would this be the state of Britain in the years following its withdrawal from the European Union? Is this scenario, in which Britain becomes a sort of European Puerto Rico, what the growing number of Tories who favour with-

drawal has in mind? The central political fact of British politics today is the creeping advance on to the Tory political agenda of the option of leaving the EU. Until only months ago it was the policy that dare not speak its name. Norman Lamont presented a trailer for his prowithdrawal paper last Monday at Jonathan Aitken's Conservative Philosophy Group nearly two years ago, in a speech at a fringe meet-United States. Yet Nissan and ing at the 1994 Tory Party

still talks — of repatriating powers lost by Britain to European institutions. They sought to restore British con-trol over its waters and fisheries. They railed against the powers of the European Court of Justice. Some favoured an Act of Supremacy in which Parliament's authority to revise and reject European legislation would be re-asserted. All this was to be achieved with Britain remaining within the EU, pre-sumably by renegotiating its terms of membership.

The consensus among serving Cabinet ministers on Britain's EU membership was broken by William Walde-grave, who observed two weeks ago on Question Time that there is nothing incon-ceivable in a future for Britain outside the EU.

Like many other former wets, notably the Foreign Sec-retary, Malcolm Rifkind, Waldegrave was taking out insur-ance against a further rightward turn in the Tory ratchet in the wake of electoral defeat. But his state-Hyundai have relocated their conference: but no Tory who ment also expresses the logic

was confined to fringe movements such as the UK Independence Party.

Even most hard-core Tory
Eurosceptics refused to countenance the possibility of Britain's pulling out from the EU altogether. They talked—as John Redwood, curiously, still talks—of repatriating powers lost by Britain to European institutions. They have proven institutions—most decisively by Margaret Thatcher, when she negotiated and signed the Single European Act in 1985—cannot pow be regalized. Walden not now be regained. Walde-grave's statement is a tacit acknowledgment of the inexorable logic of the Eurosceptic position. In acknowledging that the attempt to reclaim British national sovereignty from European institutions entails a willingness to withdraw from the EU, Walde grave was not thinking the unthinkable. He was merely

stating the obvious. Eurosceptic ambitions for a recovery of British national sovereignty inescapably imply British withdrawal. Yet the economic and politi-cal costs and risks of such a policy are colossal. It is far from clear that the option of becoming a Norway or a Switzerland is open to Britzin. The terms on which these countries trade freely with the EU without being subject to its disciplines were negotiated from outside the Union. not in the course of a messy

divorce from it. Moreover, world markets could well make any such divorce prohibitively expensive. mattered followed his lead, of the stance of hostility to It could be interpreted by curnany, citing "the numeracy of Open advocacy of withdrawal! European institutions taken rency markets as a licence for Right (Routledge)

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Intrepid hero of our time

the wartime ep-och, founder member of the SAS, covert pilot of Tito's partisans and epic raconteur of his own adventures, has died

count of Maclean's life than his own — Eastern Approaches written in 1949 and re-published to mark his 80th birthday - and it is the version he stuck to in all the conversations and interviews as his old fighting ground of Yu-goslavia burst into flames again. It is a titanic odyssey across the turbulent Balkans, and the USSR, which combines all the dichotomous but quintessential urges of the Boy's Own hero, and more: a stiff-upper-lip in the face of extreme danger, a courteous and debonair manner, and an unquenchable thirst for action and adventure.

Fitzroy Maclean, from a military family, grew up commuting between Cairo and Hampshire. He went to Eton and Cambridge, and entered the Foreign Service aged 22, when it was made up of no more than 250 diplomats worldwide, in 1934. He first caused cocked eyebrows in Whitehall by making a forceful application to be des patched to what was regarded as the least enviable of post-ings: Stalin's Moscow. He arrived in Moscow in

1937, seeing the dictator on a parade past Lenin's tomb. He described him as "a squat Asiatic figure, in a peaked cap and drab semi-military greatcoat, narrow eyes, close et". Maclean became famous almost immediately, and later came to be denounced by Moscow's Literary Newspaper as a bourgeois, drunken murderer. He travelled famously and often illic itly, taking a train across Si-beria and moving far beyond the Urals, into Samarkand, Mongolia and Turkistan, writing a glorious account of The Back of Beyond. Maclean had no intention of being bound by the rules that governed diplomats of the day. After official approaches had failed, he joined a queue of Tartar workmen waiting for rail tickets and got aboard a train bound for the Asian part In Egypt he had already met of the Soviet empire that had David Stirling, a relative of been part of the "Great Maclean's wife Veronics and and Russian empires of Kipsaid: "Why not join the SAS." but in the SOE's direct contrito which Maclean responded, bution of helping to blow
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unique first-hand knowledge of the Eastern Soviet Union.

There were other adven-tures in the Caucasus mountains, and another book To Caucasus, the End of all the Earth. But Maclean was also one of the few - and by far the most lucid - witnes Stalin's show trials of 1938. During that of the Trotskyite rebels of Shakhty, he noted by the glow of an arc light

Stalin himself When war came, Maclean had but one idea: "to get into it". He was told that the only way he could leave the for eign service was to become a member of parliament, which he duly did almost at a stroke



Maclean said Tito had the gift of convincing people in total despair that everything would be all right

seat of Lancaster with the uniform of his father's regiment, the Cameron Highlanders. Churchill once intro-Smuts, and later recalled the line he used to do so: "Here is the young man who used the Mother of Parliaments as a public convenience."

The regiment was also a piece of dressage for Ma-clean's real area of interest.

RIGADIER Sir shot by the more vigilant plained. It was a good thing fitzroy Maclean, one of the grand, unique first-hand knowledge in the desert first of all, then in Southern and Eastern Europe'. There were endless possibilities, it sounded promising. I said I'd be delighted to join."

Brigadier Mclean proceeded to the Special Operations Executive, Britain's

elite grouping set up by Churchill to propel resistance movements in Nazi-occupied territories. Maclean was des-patched to Yugoslavia, where the British had initially opted to back the Chetnik Royalist movement of Colonel Draza Mihailovic, extreme Serbian nationalists. Churchill recognised the authority and claim of a rival movement, Tito's communist partisans. Maclean was despatched on

Churchill's personal authority, literally parachuting into the savage Yugoslav interior. Although the SOE was his organisation, Maclean's brief came from the Prime Minister himself, and was - as he later put it — "to find out who was killing the most Germans, and to belp them kill some more". The answer ascertained, he became Chur-chill's "personal liason offi-cer" to Marshal Tito, with Churchill providing the job description: "daring ambassador-leader to these hardy and hunted guerrillas". Maclean had been assigned the mission on account of his experience of communism, and now raised doubts about how far he was to assist the Soviet-backed Comintern in its westward struggle againt Hitler.

Maclean wrote later: "Mr Churchill's reply left me in no doubt as to the answer to my problem. So long, he said, as the whole of Western civilisation was threatened by the Nazi menace, we could not afford to let our attention be diverted from the immediate ssue by considerations of

long term policy." The two met in Cairo in December 1943, when Churchill, now wary of Maclean's enthusiasm for the cause, asked: "Do you intend to make Yugo-slavia your home after the war? 'No Sir,' I replied. 'Nei-ther do I,' he said, 'and the less you and I worry about the form of government they set up, the better."

The victory of the parti-sans, and the SOE's pivotal support for it, became one of the legends of the Allied victory. Maclean was immersed



Maclean making a speech in Serbo-Croat at a meeting in 1970 with the Yugoslav prime minister, Mitja Ribicic

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It was also a bloody affair, as the partisans took revenge upon their Croatian oppo-(Tito was himself Croat), with the massacre at Beliburg in 1945. Maclean took his place be

side Tito in the parade that fol-lowed the battle of Belgrade, one of the very last that wit-nessed — as did Maclean him-self — a charge by the mounted Soviet horse artillary. While Maclean always de-nounced Mihailovic's Royalists as allies of the Reich, he remained life long friends with Tito, whom he called "an outstanding military and political leader, who had the greatest gift: of convincing people in

across the iron curtain, so Maclean became a bridge be-tween the Marshal and Westarn leaders, introducing Tito to Margaret Thatcher and Prince Charles. Maclean never lost his intrepid, debonair air. He loved to entertain at his house on the Adriatic island of Korcula, birthplace of Marco Polo. He was not adverse to the good life; his des-

mention his favourite drink, pink vanilla brandy. As MP for Lancaster, serving in the Churchill and Eden governments, Maclean be-came Under Secretary of State for War and Financial Secretary to the War Office. But his personality was perhaps too large and open-minded for party political point-scoring. In 1959 he moved to become

patches would occasionally

ing Loch Fyne, Strachur, and owning the Creggans Inn. where he often entertained in informal style. "Being a High-lander myself," he once said. "I like mountain peoples. I like their love of freedom. I like their haroic approach."

One of Maclean's last cam-paigns was to defend the Po-laris missile base at Holy Loch, near his home. "I think [the CND campaign] is deplor-able... It gives the impres-sion that Scotland is not prepared to play its full part in the alliance."

After Tito's death in 1980, Maclean wrote that his old friend had left Yugoslavs with an abiding sense of loss. "But," he added in a tribute: "[his death] has also left a keen sense of grafting that he lived long exacts to anders. lived long enough to endow the new Yugoslavia with sufficient stability for it to be able laid down in his lifetime . . ."

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Hells Pick adds: Fitzrov Maclean was already a legend when I first met him in Belgrade in the late 1960s. Physically and mentally larger than life, his enthusiasm for Yugoslavia was infectious. Given his wartime exploits with Tito and his partisans, it was hardly surprising that he held the Yugoslav leader in deep admiration. They had become good friends, and met

regulariy. But Fitzroy was also convinced that Tito had suc-ceeded in building a multi-ethnic nation; that the country was sufficiently united to endure beyond Ti to's death. Yugoslavia's disintegration was not merely a bitter blow, but also one that Fitzroy Maclean had not

Maclean was one of only two or three foreigners who were allowed to own property in Yugoslavia: he had a beautiful house on the island of Korcula, now part of Croatia. I will always remember a magical summer's day when

Yugoslav tourist authorities

took a group of British journalists, uninvited, to attend the wedding of Fitzroy's son in Korcula. We arrived just as the bridal pair walked out of the church in procession through the old town. We were allowed to join the revels which seemed to is volve the island's whole population. lation. Next morning, Fitzroy waved us off as we sailed away bleary-eyed and happy, and oh so sure that Yugosla-

via was for ever. No doubt, Maclean's death will revive arguments that he misled Winston Churchill about Tito's potential, and that Britain was wrong to give such unequivocal backing to Communist Yugoslavia. But those who knew Yu-goslavia wall, never doubted Maclean's judgment about the wisdom of backing Tito during and after the war. Revi-sionists should be seen off unceremoniously.

Sir Fitzroy Maclean, diplomat, soldier, politician and historian, born March 11, 1911; died June

Jean Gimpel

All guns firing in the literary salon

died aged 78, was a dynamic Frenchman who for 30 years conducted one of the most enlivening literary salons in London. It produced a unique offerage. produced a unique effervescence of intellectuality and claiming their intellectual conviviality. Yet most of all, it was the showpiece of Gimpel's own very active life. He wrote five books, three of which — The Cuit of Art, The Cathedral Builders - were towards the extreme. He

Born in Paris of Franco-British parents, he claimed that he escaped the limita-tions of university by failing his baccalaureate. A high powered auto-didact, he went into business, tired of capitaland turned to research, writing and publicity.

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generalisations. "History repeats itself. As in the past our economy has reached a

didacts belonged to one of point of collapse. Put your three classes. The first talked money in gold."

ranks of the "educated" pro-

piracy. Regarded by his friends as immortal, he was driven by an inexhaustible energy and zest for life. Like some of his books his conversation tended plunged into many a salon group, all guns firing with the statement, "women are superior to men" and before anyone could question the statement disappeared again. There was an explosive qual ity about his conversation and he tended towards obliterating



Gimpel . . . zest for learning

In The Cuit of Art he considered any work of art which did not "contribute" to social wellbeing to be "an expense of painting, in a waste of frame." He argued that the conception of the artist as a special person who justified privileges

as for Picasso, his deification "by the western intelligentsia is a disgrace to our civilisation and a proof of its spiritual decline." This sustained iconoclasm came from a man whose family owned the Gimpel Fils gallery and whose grandfather promoted the Impressionist and Post-Impres-

sionist French painters.

The Medieval Machine (1976) became a classic and was translated into 12 languages. The book demonstrated that under feudalism there was a continuing industrial revolu-tion which included water wheels, treadmills and wind-mills. As a result of this book he sent experts travelling through the third world to lecture on the role of intermedi-ate technology and funded models to demonstrate how

the unholy trinity of Parmeni-

dean/Platonic/Aristotelean

count of medieval architects' work, focussing on the stimulus of new invention and the power of religious inspiration to meet the needs of a remarkable age. "In France alone," he "more stone was quarried in three centuries than during the entire history of ancient Europe." He explored the political, financial and spiritual role of the church-men who inspired the construction of Chartres, Notre Dame, Rheims and Saint-De-nis. The Cathedral Builders was a French best seller and is now available in England. The End of the Future, published

in 1995, provided a picture of our economy collapsing, leav-ing half the world in disarray. During the war Gimpel was in the French Resistance and received the Legion d'honneur

was fraudulent. "The dealers medieval technology worked and Croix de Guerre. He who drive the hardest bargains," he added "are often the artists themselves." And published in 1958, was an ac deeply uneasy about shooting deeply uneasy about shooting anybody, he levelled his gun

at two German agents, but when they laughed in the face of his uncertainty, failed to pull the trigger. Gimpel was a warm, gener ous ebullient man. He was also a rich man (his grand-father left him a number of Post-Impressionist paintings) who spent his money freely. All of which omits the most important influence in his life his wife Catherine, a wise woman who saw him through thick and thin and was herself Resistance fighter. She survives with two sons and a

Vincent Brome

June 15, 1996

daughter.

Jean Gimpel, author and iconoclast, born October 10, 1918; died

Peter Porteous writes: Margaret Rawlings (obituary, June 6) spoke up for the actor's rights through Equity, and on the few occasions I met her she was wonderfully warm and encouraging in this most discouraging of professions. I played Cleopatra — if not, she should have done — but she would certainly have coun-selled never to believe in Antony's words that "All is lost"

Birthdays

Eva Bartok, actress, 67; Michael Blakemore, theatre director. 68; Fernando Henrique Cardoso, president of Brazil, 65; Ian Carmichael, actor, 76: Patricia Hutchinson, former ambassador to Uruguay. 70; Sir Dennis Landau. former chief executive. Co-operative Wholesale Society. 69; Paul McCartney. singer, songwriter and former Beatle, 54: Isabella Rossellini, actress. 44: Delia Smith, television cook, 55.

Death Notices

15, 1996

In Memoriam

DOUGLAS, BML Died 18 June 1991, com-rade and lover in loving memory, Jude Cottam

Jackdaw



Lizard love

IN JUNE, 1994, a white man, IN JUNE, 1994, a white man, aged 19 years, who worked for a large food producer, developed a pilonidal sinus. The sinus being initially diagnosed as a boil, a course of fluctoxacilin was prescribed by his general practitioner. After 4 days treatment, diarrhoea developed and a stool sample was automatically requested by his employers. Salmonella reading was isolated and he was was isolated and he was sacked from his job, as was his employer's practice. Still posi-tive for S reading a month later, he was given a course of ciprofaxin. Two stool samples three weeks later were nega-

one month later grew a different salmonella species, S ha-vana. Despite a second course of ciprofaxin in October, S havana was still isolated from stool samples in late Novem-

On inquiry, the young man reported sharing his bedroom with a bosk moniter lizard. Ex-creta were obtained from this lizard and another salmonella species. S agoueve, was iso-lated. On further enquiry, the young man reported sharing his house with one bosk moni-tor lizard, one chuckwalla lizard, two green anol lizards, three bearded dragon lizards, one Argentine horned frog, three dogs, two cats, one chin-chilla, four mice, and several spiders, crickets, and beetles. as well as his mother, father,

as well as his mouner, anner, and younger brother. Stool samples or soil from hab-itats were obtained from the inhabitants. Stool samples from the mother, father, younger brother, and the dogs. and the soil from the Argentine horned frog's habitat, were negative. Excrete and soil samples from the lizards gren S agoueve and S widemarsh from the bosk monitor, S

muenchen and S hagenbeck subspecies 2 from the chuckwalla, and S reading and S havana from the bearded dragons. The bearded dragons appear therefore to have been the source of the two salmonella species isolated from the patient. Opportunity for infec-tion was considerable, the liz-ards being frequently handled

and allowed to sit on the shoulders or laps of family members. A vetinary surgeon suggested treatment of the lizards with enrofoxacin and thorough disinfection of the cages. However, the family elected to sell most of the liz-ards, retaining the two bearded dragons for breeding and following careful hygiene when handling them. The Lancet in a case report warns a nation of animal lovers that too much petting of pets can lead to disatrous results. Thanks

Bad lines

to reader Simon Comer.

Bad Writing Contest. First prize: "Indeed dialectical critical realism may be seen under the aspect of Foucauldian strategic reversal of | phy and Their Resolution

provenance; of the Cartesian-Lockean-Humean-Kantian paradigm, of foundationa-lisms (in practice, fideistic foundationalisms) and irrationalisms (in practice, capriclous exercises of the will-to-power or some other ideologically and/or psychosomatically buried source) new and old alike; of the primordial failing of western phi losophy, ontological monova-lence, and its close ally, the epistemic fallacy with its ontic dual; of the analytic problematic laid down by Plato, which Hegel served only to replicate in his actualist monovalent analytic rein-statement in transfigurative nection, while in his hubristic claims for absolute idealism he inaugurated the Comtean,

mutation route to the super idealism of a Baudrillard." From Roy Bhaskar's Plato etc: The Problems of Philoso-

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(Verso, 1994). The jacket blurb | ment of non-construction, disinforms us that this is the author's "most accessible book to date." Second Prize: "With the last

gasp of Romanticism, the quelling of its florid uprising against the vapid formalism of one strain of the Enlightennent. the dimming of its yearning for the imagined grandeur of the archaic, and the dashing of its too sanguine hopes for a revitalized, ful-filled humanity, the horror of its more lasting, more Gothic legacy has settled in, distributed and diffused enough, to be sure, that lugubriousness is recognizable only as lan-guor, or as a certain sardonic laconicism disguising itself in a new sanctification of the destructive instincts, a new genius for displacing cultural reifications in the intermina-ble shell game of the analysis of the human psyche, where nothing remains sacred." Extract from an essay by Stephen T Tyman called "Ricceur and the Problem of

Evil." in The Philosophy of Paul

Ricoeur, edited by Lewis Edwin

Hahn (Open Court, 1995).

Third prize: "It is the mo-

closing the absentation of actuality from the concept in part through its invitation to emphasize, in reading, the helplessness — rather than the will to power — of its fall into conceptuality."
From Paul Fry's A Defense of Poetry (Stanford University Press, 1995).

The first three winners of the second Bad Writing Contest, sponsored by the journal Phiinternet discussion group,

New Scientist

Phil-Lit. Forwarded by the Red | ruckte Kuhe - German for Rock Eater News Service, and thanks to Dominik Malaise icho bought it to the attention

Sweetly mad

AS THE BSE debacle rumbles on, we wonder whether German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has come clean about his own country's cattle disease probelms. Following a secret scouting mission. Feedback can reveal that there are millions of mad cows at large in Germany, most of them openly sold in supermarkets.

At the risk of a visit from Her Majesty's Customs In-spectors, we managed to smuggle some of the produce back to Britain for further investigation. Only the heads of the animals were available and readers may be disturbed to learn that these have been consumed with gusto by Feedback, apparantly with-out any ill effects.

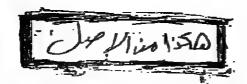
The items are in fact sweets, shaped like cow heads, marketed under the astonishing trade name Ver-

looking cows dancing together, one in a blue t-shirt with a blue ribbon between her horns, and the other wearing a hula skirt and garland. Katjes Fassin, the company which manufactures Verruckte Kuhe at Emmerich close to the Dutch border, denies that it introduced the product to cash in on the misproduct to cash in on the missays it is as embarrassed as anyone about the way things have unfolded since the sweets were launched last year. At present the company has no plans to export the

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Emily Sheffield

"mad cows". The sweets, made of liquorice and skimmed milk, come in a packet showing two jolly-looking cows dancing New Scientist discovers a sweet which will not be driving . children mad in Britain.



Healthy profits in tiny industry, page 12

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ING refuses to help inquiry Curate's egg in

COPPER CRISIS

Nerves show as prices gyrate in London

Patrick Donovan, Paul Murphy and Dan Atkinson

UTCH bank ING as refused official requests to dential business



Winchester Commodities to agencies investigating allega-tions of a worldwide copper

ING was given the docu-ment when it was asked by Winchester to consider handling the commodity group's settlement business in 1993. Sources say that agencies investigating the alleged fraud believe the document could give insight into trading relationships between key players in the copper market. There is no suggestion that

Winchester was involved in improper dealings. The request to ING's derivatives subsidiary has been made as part of an increasingly complicated investigation into the background of the alleged fraud perpetrated on the Chilean state copper company, Codelco, and Sumi-tomo, the Japanese trading group which last week shocked the market by an-nouncing losses of £1.2 bil-

TO: DAVID

THINGS ARE OUT OF CONTROL. THIS MORNING LONDON DID ANOTHER YEAR LARGE OPTION TRADE ON BEHALF OF SUMI VIA MURFAY METALS, PRESUMABLY LAID OFF ON BEPKIE AT HAYDEN (MURPHY CLAIMS TO PRESUMBET LAID OFF ON SEPTIE AT HATDEN (NUMPHI CIGINS TO DISGUISE THE SOURCE OF THE BUSINESS FROM HAZDEN, THAT HAY WELL SE TRUE, I HAVE NO OPINION.). LEAVING ASIDE ENTIRELY THE GENERAL PROBLEMS I HAVE WITH THIS TYPE OF TRADING: I.E., IT AMOUNTS TO SELLING OR BUYING VERY LARGE TOWNINGS ON A SINCLE QUOTE WITH WHAT SEEMS TO BE INSUFFICIENT MARSIN; THERE IS ANOTHER MORE SERIOUS SEEMS TO BE INSUFFICIENT MAKENT THERE IS ANOTHER MORE SECTIONS PROBLEM. IN ESSENCE, WE SEEM TO BE MAKING LARCE CONTRIBUTIONS TO HAYDEN, TAKING HOTHING FOR CURSELVES. I SUSPECTED AS MOCH WITH THE PREVIOUS TRADES BUT SECAUSE OF THE SPREADS, STRIKES STC. THAT COULD ONLY BE A SUSPICION. THIS IS NO LONGES THE CASE.

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How US broker Paul Scully expressed his concerns over copper transaction

lar dealings with Codelco.

An ING spokeswoman last night said: "I understand that winchester did put up a business plan some time ago".

She confirmed that ING's derivatives operation received an official request for sight of the Winchester papers. However, "access was refused on the grounds that it

Winchester Commodities said yesterday it was happy to co-operate with any investigation. It declined to comment

Winchester was cleared by Winchester and other big Headed "Sumi Options". the Securities and Futures Auplayers in the copper market the document details a com-

investigators shed light on ir-regular trades. Investigators are also looking at documents detailing trades by Yasuo Hamanaka, the trader sacked by copper traders.
One example is a report

prepared by the US broker DLT and sent to the SFA in March 1992. The document. which has been seen by the Guardian, was written in the spring of that year by Paul Scully, an American broker at the London branch of his firm, DLT

tween four parties: Sumitomo and DLT on one side; Haydan, a London trading firm, and Murphy Metals, a Midlands-based trading entity, on the

DLT's London office at the time was staffed by a Winchester director, Charles Vincent. and Paul Shutter, who until recently worked with Mr Vin-cent at Winchester Commod-ities. Their contact at Haydan was Mr Vincent's future busi-ness partner, Ashley Levett, while Murphy Metals was run by Bernard Murphy, a solicitor who is now thought to be

It explains how terms of the deal — involving 20,000 tonnes of copper, worth 250 million — were heavily weighted in favour of Haydan

and Murphy — for no appar ent reason. "I have to raise this subject again because I now firmly believe things are out of con-trol," Mr Scully writes. "This morning London did another very large option trade on behalf of Sumi via Murphy Metals, presumably laid off on Bernie at Hayden [sic] ... In essence, we seem to be making large to be the seem to be making large. ing large contributions to Hayden, taking nothing for ourselves. I suspected as much with the previous trades but, because of the spreads, strikes, etc. that

could only be a suspicion. This is no longer the case. 'I wish to emphasise that I do not believe anyone in our thing deliberately wrong. I am afraid I have to say that they simply don't understand what it is they are doing." Mr Scully goes on to ques-tion the logic behind the deal,

adding: "Does that logic jus-tify the expense to our client? "At the end of the day, Sumi paid \$32 over the offer to buy 340 lots of Sept. Of that \$32, Ldn [London] received \$10 and took 100 per cent of the risk on the metal price and the spread. Murphy/Hayden received \$22 and a mino

Copper prices gyrated wildly in London yesterday, hitting new lows during the day but closing higher than

the nuclear nest



Edited by Alex Brummer

■ T IS unfortunate that the more than one million investors who have regis-tered to buy a stake in British Energy, the nuclear genera-tor, have not been afforded the chance to see the legal review by Clifford Chance, The report, forwarded to British Energy and the Government on April 25 this year, provides a great deal of detail on some of the issues not fully explained in the prospectus.

Among the reasons for com-mitting funds to British Energy is the belief that it. like other utilities, will be able to drive down costs and improve income by efficiencies such as lowering manpower levels. However, the Clifford Chance report makes it clear that in the case of the nuclear industry, reducing skilled man-power levels can lead to reactor problems as has been the

case at Hunterston B. Whereas in other parts of the privatised sector, such as National Grid, there are many contractors capable of making repairs to power lines, the same does not apply

in British Energy. Clifford Chance notes that a "side effect of reduction in manpower could be an increase in events leading to contractor error". Since 60 per cent of events at nuclear power stations are caused by human error, cutting back staffing to impress the City hardly seems wise. In fact, far from being a

steady utility investment, the publicly quoted nuclear con-erator, without other businesses to dilute the risk. could be volatile. Each time there is a safety scare the shares of British Energy could skid. Similarly, should unfavourable publicity develop regarding the incidence of cancer among the workforce, fears of compensation claims could arise.

The point is that Nuclear Energy is not an industry like any other. Because much of the UK nuclear industry is to British design there is no pool of skilled practitioners there for contracting out work when older, experienced members of the workforce are made redundant.

Neither the company nor the stock market have much experience of dealing with the impact on the share price should there be a technical mishap, such as the rod refuelling incident at Hevsham in January of this year.

Despite the promise of a generous dividend, this does not make for an alluring share issue.

Man of steel

AST time British Steel

This time around, as the com-pany clocked up £1.1 billion at pre-tax level, the only sound from the construction indus-try is a collective groan.

A key factor in the change, according to chairman and

chief executive Brian Moffat just knighted for his ser vices to the industry — is that British Steel, unlike some of its rivals, can now compete in most of the world's markets. Even yesterday's cautionary note about this year's profits carried the caveat that they will still be "satisfactory".

Redundant steel workers (remember Ravenscraig?) will feel that the price Britain's steel industry has paid for its global competitiveness has been a high one. But Sir Brian would no doubt counter by arguing that those Euro-pean steel industries which have shirked restructuring will, in the end, pay a higher price. Each time the industry sees an upturn, those depen-dent on state aid fall further behind their private sector counterparts, he reckons.

The question is where British Steel goes from here. It is strong in its home market, competitive in Europe and de-veloping a coherent strategy in the US. The snag is the Far East. It is almost axiomatic that big manufacturing industry wants to be active in its fast-growing economies.

For British Steel, finding the right partners, according to Brian Moffat, is proving tricky. With few exceptions, steel companies are either large and state-owned or famside. Still, the reluctance of British Steel to signal a share buy-back indicates that it may be keeping its cash in its back pocket for a reason.

Air reward

T IS now clear how for Sainsbury's is behind Tesco — 15 months. That is how long Tesco has been running its loyalty eard, which was matched by its rival's launch

of the Reward scheme. Sainshury's argues that it has used the time to develop unique added value that can-not be matched by other retailers. But the link with Air Miles seems merely another spending option, which leaves the Reward card as merely the "electronic Green Shield stamps" David Sains-bury decried when Tesco entered the loyalty business.

The fact that Sainsbury's has been forced to climb down must be embarrassing. but it does offer hope that the chain can reverse its recent slide. It illustrates that the arrogance, ignorance or conservatism which left the company trailing in Tesco's wake have been overcome, Sainsbury's is back with new, cre-

It is still playing catch-up, however, and will continue to do so for some time.

On the loyalty front, Tesco has moved on with a payment card, and by the time Sainsbury's joins that game, it will have moved on again. More fundamentally, Sainsbury's is also struggling to recover made record profits de-mand from Britain's con-ranges and many other areas struction sector was booming. of the business.

Radio rationed to fund digital viewing

TR Government is set to help fund the switch to digital television with cash raised from new licence charges for radio frequencies.
Proposals for managing

the radio spectrum - the range of frequencies availfor broadcasting outlined in a white paper yesterday, are expected to raise an extra 270 million a

Digital TV broadcasting. expected to start towards the end of next year, uses much less of the radio spectrum than do today's analogue TV signals.
Ministers said the Gov-

ernment might make selective payments to encourage the switch to digital TV. although these were most likely to be to help companies move to other parts of the spectrum or make better use of frequencies.

They did not, however, rule out limited indirect help for consumers who will have to buy either a special set-top box or a new television to receive the digital signals.

lan Taylor, science and technology minister, said there would be a case for buying out the "tail" of analogue TV users — once the bulk of viewers had switched — because this would free frequencies for other activities.

But the Government intends to use the new charges for radio licences as the main method of per-suading companies to make better use of the spectrum.

Trade and Industry Secretary Ian Lang said the spectrum was a finite resource and digital broadcasting offered the prospect of considerable spectrum efficiency gains.

Ministers are keen to see a swift changeover and to avoid a repeat of protracted switch from 405-line to 625line television.

The white paper proposes a market-forces system for charging for radio licences, which are used by local taxi services, mobile phone op-erators and broadcasters. among others.

At present, the charges are geared only to cover the Radiocommunications Agency's costs in administering the spectrum. Higher charges are now proposed for scarce frequencies or those most in



Knight in shining helmet . . . British Steel boss Brian Moffat on a visit to Llanwern Steelworks at Newport, South Wales PHOTOGRAPH, SPRREY MORGAN

Record profits at British Steel top £1bn

Mark Milner

RITISH Steel yesterday unveiled record results but cautioned that this year's profits would be af-fected by the current weak state of demand in Europe. Despite the impact that would have on prices, how-ever, the company's chair-man and chief executive, Brian Moffat, said that the

profits soared from £578 mil-lion to £1.1 billion, while the for ways and means to invest dividend pay-out for the year and expand the business." | the world showed an increase tailed evaluation of proposals over the previous year, but and the building up of the appropriate relationships with is being raised by a third to

Strong cash flow helped boost British Steel's net funds to £690 million at the year end but, despite the strength of the balance sheet, Mr Moffat played down suggestions of a share buy-back. The message from senior executives yesterday was that the company would much prefer to use its performance of the current year was expected to be "satisfactory".

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said Mr Moffat, whose knight hood for services to the steel industry was announced in

In the UK, British Steel managed to push up its market share from 56 per cent to 58 per cent. UK steel imports from the European Union fell as a result of the weakness of the pound against the German mark, but imports from other areas increased. British Steel's exports to both Europe and the rest of

cases the increase was due to

In the US, two of British Steel's three projects — at Tuscaloosa Steel and Trico Steel — are due to be commissioned later this year, though the third, at Mobile, Alabama, is behind schedule. The company's ambitions

to expand in the Asia Pacific region are not proving easy to achieve. "We continue to de vote significant time and effort in considering possible joint ventures, but the de-

local partners is, inevitably, a lengthy process," said Mr Moffat.

Looking ahead, the British Steel chairman said he be-lieved the current phase of destabling in the phase of destocking in mainland Europe was coming to an end. But he cautioned: "Inevitably, with the present weakness in market demand in Europe and the accompanying impact on prices, profits for the current year will be adversely af-fected, but I still expect a year of satisfactory performance."

Ostrich farm with no birds 'raked in millions from public'

THE largest ostrich breeding organisation in Britain, which took millions of even if sufficient numbers of pounds from investors, was a ostriches existed, it had no pyramid-selling exercise method of identifying which which was "bound to fail", a birds or chicks belonged to in-High Court judge was told

yesterday. Philip Heslop QC said the Ostrich Farming Corporation had no farms or ostriches of its own and members of the non-existent.

companies and marketing pyramid scheme bound to groups unconnected with the collapse." business, he said.

Mr Heslop said the com- journed the hearing for judgpany was obtaining money | ment today.

dividual investors.

The company, based in Mansfield, Notts, bought its birds from a farm in Belgium. According to Mr Heslop: "Large numbers of people public were paying more than who invested in the scheme 24 million a month for birds have not got an ostrich. which were either dead or Either no such bird existed or it had died. Hundreds died at Money was being filtered the farm and were not off to "shadowy offshore" replaced. We say this was a

Mr Justice Lightman ad-

Scots brewery floats to market on 'despised keg'

Dan Atkinson

among the ale-drinking classes for its super-authentic 80-shilling cask beer, but it will float back to the stock market next month on a tidal-wave of the much-despised gaspowered "keg". More than 70 per cent of its beer sales during 1995/96 were down to the sort of sluices unavailable at Campaign for Real Ale open evenings.

Nor does Scotland's largest regional brewery display any tavernological correctness with its tied es-tate; of its eight managed houses, three are "themed" into a "novel Scottish pub

environment" and two are | moter Eric Morley and described as "high volume, community public houses" BELHAVEN Brewery Indeed, by the time Alemay be best-known man has reached page 13 of

Belhaven's pathfinder pro-spectus, published yesterday, with its boasts of "semi-automatic fermentation and chilling controls". he will be chewing his fishermen's guernsey in fury. Scotland does not share the real-ale enthusiasm of

its southern neighbour: cask beers take just 5 per cent of sales in Scots pubs, against 15 per cent in England. But keg ale, at 32 per cent, is hard on the heels of lager, at 41 per cent. Founded in 1719, Belha-

ven is Scotland's oldest

brewery: its owners have

included Miss World pro-

Nazmu Virani, the high-flyer who fell to earth because of his involvement with Bank of Credit and Commerce International The present management

took charge in 1993, and next month's return to the market will value the company — whose profits be-fore tax rose 6 per cent to £2.7 million in 1995/96 — at about £30 million. But Belhaven will not be

ditching its real ales, al-though they will become more expensive; "reposi-tioned". in the jargon, "towards the premium end of the market through an increase in ... alcoholic strength". As Belhaven's own adverts put it, "smooth beyond belief".

UK rebuffed on open skies pact

HE UK suffered another rebuff at the hands of its European partners yes-terday when EU transport Ministers overrode British opposition and agreed to sion. But we are pleased we allow Neil Kinnock, the European Transport Commissioner, to begin talks with the US on the liberalisation of airline services.

But the mandate agreed by the Ministers at a meeting in national governments." Luxembourg was only a first step towards giving the European Commission the power to conclude a full EU-US topen

cover rights such as computer | ways and American Airlines.

ownership rules. Mr Kinnock will need to obtain further authorisation from the Ministers for negotiations on access to flight

routes and airport slots.

reservation systems, dispute settlement, bankruptcy and

"This is a regrettable decimanaged to limit its scope." said Transport Secretary Sir George Young. "The UK continues to believe air service agreement negotiations with the US are best undertaken by

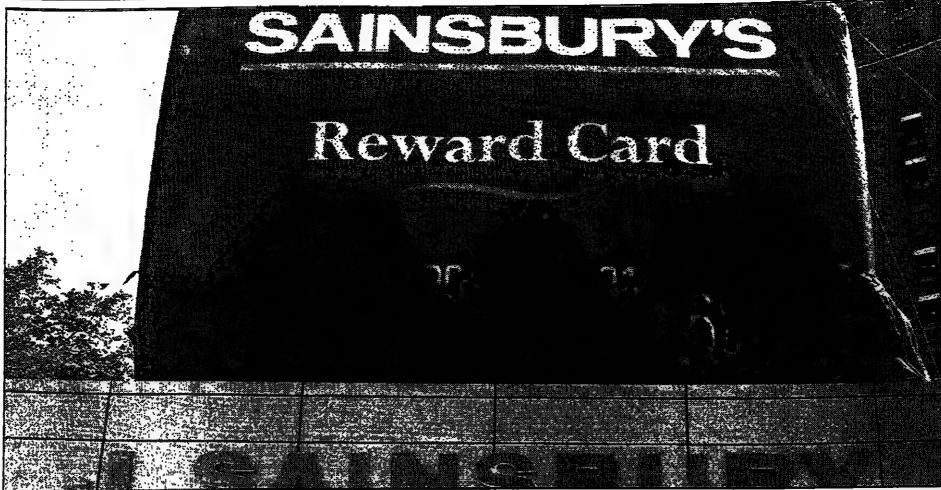
 Singapore Airlines yesterday called for 'open skies' for other airlines above the US and Britain to redress the balance following last week's an-Initially talks between nouncement of a proposed Brussels and Washington will link-up between British Air-

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Late entry banks on Air Miles to take back lead



Joining the pack . . . David Sainsbury unveils his change of heart, on the roof of a store in Cromwell Road,

Supermarket plays trump card

AINSBURY joined the supermarket loyalty war yester-day with the launch of its Reward card, and added an Air Miles option to its offer to customers of discount vouchers worth 1p for every pound they spend. But Tesco, which began the loyalty campaign by introducing its Ciubcard in spring last year, spiked its rival's guns by choosing yesterday for the release of its upgraded card

innounced at the same time that it was reducing the minimum spend for earning points to match the £5 level of The wind was further taken

out of Sainsbury's sails by profit downgrades from stockbrokers, who doubt that the card will achieve the 3 per cent sales uplift needed to cover costs.

Sainsbury chairman David Sainsbury originally de-scribed the Clubcard scheme as an electronic version of

suit. But deputy chairman Tom Vyner said yesterday the Reward card was a key mittative which offered "rewards which are tangible, easy to understand and access, and which are different".

He also trumpeted the potential marketing benefits from the database which the company will build up in conjunction with Air Miles' parent, British Airways. 'This is more than a Reward card, it is really a relationship card. It will make impor-

Independent observers were less enthusiastic. Tony

McNeary, an analyst at NatWest Securities, said: "There is some evidence that management has tried to be a little more creative than in the past. But Tesco has done a lot of damage to this business and I really think it's going to take another year to see signs of recovery.

Other analysts expressed reservations about the Air Miles connection, which

ing customers' needs and unique feature of the Reward meeting them." exclusive agreement with BA. Sainsbury said the average

shopper could sam a free return trip to Paris after a year's use of the Reward card. "I am not sure it is addressing the problem," one analyst said. "They have got to try to attract young families." An-other said: "Air Miles is not a bad idea, but I can't see it really setting the world

which also accesses a Green Shield stamps and said | tant advances in understand- | Sainsbury claimed as the | consultancy, said the Reward | that shoppers get more for NatWest bank account. Tesco | his company would not follow | ing customers' needs and | unique feature of the Reward | scheme seemed little different | their discount. Mr McCarten scheme seemed little different from Tesco's original Clubalso promised developme from the relationship between Sainsbury and BA, and and, as Tesco already has the mitiative, Sainsbury is alsaid a payment option would ways going to be one step be-hind," he said. eventually be added. Ultimately it is likely that Reward will be merged with

But Kevin McCarten, Sains bury marketing director, said Reward was the first of a series of developments which the Spend'n'Save scheme which operates in Sains-bury's Homebase and Texas DIY stores. In the meantime Tesco and other rivals. Reward vouchers will be The card's scope will be exredeemable at the DIY outlets,

panded to give shoppers more but purchases there will earn the higher bonus of the

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Green taxes urged to boost jobs Healthy profits in care for the aged

Outlook

T IS a tiny industry in terms of stock market

value, and the companies in

MPOSING stiff taxes on business energy use and cutting the cost of hiring staff would slash pollution levels and create 700,000 jobs within a decade, a leading National Insurance payments centre-left think-tank said would also sharply increase

Calling on all political parties to toughen their environ700,000 new jobs. for Public Policy Research said the combination of a tax on business energy use

AGROUP of leading

Aretailers, including Tesco and IKEA, will today

join the attack on the plas-tic PVC as part of a long-

running campaign by the environmental group

raise £22 billion a year by 2005. The package would push down carbon dioxide emissions by 10 per cent and waste by 16 per cent, the IPPR said. Authors Gerry Holtham and Stephen Tindale estimate that using the revenue virtually to eliminate employer National Insurance payments

job claims. Stephen Smith. deputy director of the Insti-tute for Fiscal Studies, said beeffer levy on waste disposal revenue projections were acard a "quarry tax" would curate, but he disputed the ling that the supply of labour

nation of the plastic from all retail uses which carry

a risk to consumers, such

ing applications.
This latest threat to PVC.

one of the biggest end prod-ucts of the chlorine indus-

Tesco is expected to join ucts of the chlorine indus-IKEA, Lloyd's Chemists try, comes after the recent

as in packaging and build-

"Any employment effect is likely to be modest," he said. "Put it like this — much closer to zero than to 700,000." Mr Smith said firms calculated how much an employee was worth to them in gross terms. If firms' NI payments were cut, wages would simply rise to make up the differ-

and Body Shop in announcing that PVC should be treated with caution and will investigate the elimi-

veyor belts and other flexi-ble plastic products. They have been implicated in a

number of medical dis-orders, at levels well above

those found in government

tests on baby milk.
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sceptical about the ambitious | make claims for them which fail to materialise, public sup-port could diminish." on business energy use — deputy director of the Insti- port could diminish."

peaking at \$9 (£6) a barrel — tute for Fiscal Studies, said But Mr Holtham said Mr higher road fuel duties, a the IPPR's environmental and Smith and other critics had

Tesco and IKEA join Greenpeace attack on the dangers of PVC

labour market projections. | was fixed. He said there were many people — discouraged middle-aged men, partners of the jobless — who could be enticed back into the labour force by NI cuts.

The IPPR paper projects that, of the 700,000 new jobs, 300,000 would go to people coming off the dole queue.

We are not talking about Rolls Royce jobs, here," he said. "The labour supply response would be much greater at the bottom than the top.

PVC, which is widely used

Sarah Burton of Green

are particularly concerned about dioxins, which are

in the grocery busine

Plexible PVC is no longer erated, and which are also used as food packaging, gender benders."

"These measures should of cutting tax overheads liveliest around — and not quisition to date, with the stand or fall by their environmental effect," he said. "If we tom end of the jobs market." It is growth in demand for Health Care. "These measures should of cutting tax overheads liveliest around — and not long-term care. Yesterday saw the sector's second bid in just under three player, Westminster Health Care, offering £74.5 million for its Yorkshire-based rival, clear physicists out there."

Goldsborough Healthcare. The offer, immediately rejected, comes hard on the heels of Court Cavendish's agreed £21.5 million offer for Greenacre Group, making Court the third-biggest player in the sector, with almost 3,000 beds.

At the same time, pointing up the contrasting fortunes in the sector, Takare, another of the bigger private nursing home operators, yesterday put out a profits warning citing "disappointing" occupancy levels.
Elsewhere, other private

busily snapping up the sec-tor's minnows — including unquoted groups — while they can, providing further evidence that the industry is

consolidating rapidly.

The fast-growing Tamaria group has just bought a 50 per cent stake in Lodge Care, coming off the dole queue.

But Mr Holtham admitted names, but the quoted nursthat the employment impact ing home sector is one of the has completed its largest ac-

The reason for all this activity is simple — the popula-tion is ageing, the breakdown of the family unit means fewer elderly people are liv-ing with their children, at a time when local authority's are closing their nursing homes. As a result, the mar-

ket in providing long-term care for the elderly or chroni-**Quoted Private Nursing Operators**

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nursing home groups are cally ill — thought to be rates—crudely put, bodies in busily snapping up the sec worth somewhere north of beds — and, as with hotels, £12 billion a year — is set to grow by as much as 50 per cent over the next two-and-a-

However, in practice, the nursing home operators are finding things rather tougher than this apparently rosy scenarlo — for them — might suggest. One reason for this is that, as local authority budgets are cut by central gov-ernment, less money is available for residential care.

At the same time, rivalry between the NHS and social down in communications between the two departments and the private nursing

operators.
This has led to overcapacity in the market, putting pressure on occupancy

Market Value E 201.1 million 177.2 million 76.3 million 49.8 million 46.5 million 46.3 million 20.2 million* 15.2 million to snap up with relative ease, and several have been linked with takeover talks.

empty beds put pressure on profit margins. The sector is now ripe for

consolidation, and yesterday's bid is just one more stage in that process. West minster argues that it will manage Goldsborough's business better, that it has more reserves with which to decut head office overheads.
For its part, Goldsborough

retorts that Westminster is over-dependent on the slow growing homecare and hospi tal sectors, that it can only plug the gap by buying its faster-growing businesses, and that Westminster does not fully under-

stand its activities.
Goldsborough's arguments may seem convincing, but Westminster has an ace units sleeve. Goldsborough shares, can hardly be said to have out-performed. Even so, signs are that the market expects a slightly higher bid to emerge. The bid should be worth watching. All of the companies in the sector, Westminster Health Care included, are small enough for a predator

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News in brief

VW recalls 105,000 British-owned cars

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's biggest car maker, yesterday recalled about 105,000 cars in Britain after discovering a cooling-system fault that could wreck their engines or injure drivers and passengers. The move is part of a worldwide recall of 950,000 VW Golfs, Jettas, Passats and Corrados built in the 1980s. It follows a similar recall in February last year, involving

1.9 million Mark 2 Golfs and Jettas with the same proble The cars involved were fitted with a heater matrix made from a plastic which has been shown to degrade when exposed to excessive temperatures. If the cars' cooling system overheats, the matrices will fail within about five years and can damage the engine or send hot water and steam into the passenger

compartment.

The recall affects 1.3-litre Golf and Jetta models built between 1983 and 1989 (A. to G-registration prefixes) and four-cylinder Passats and Corrados built between 1988 and 1989 (F and G registrations). Owners should take their cars to their Volkswagen dealer, where the matrix will be checked and, if necessary, replaced free of charge, — Bloomberg

Williams pulls electronic plug

WILLIAMS Holdings yesterday said it had agreed to sell control of its Swiss-based electronics division, Saia Burgess Electronics, of its Swiss-based electronics division, Sala Burgess Electronics, to its management for £71 million. The sale follows a string of acquisitions by Williams in recent months as it pursues a strategy of refocusing on fire protection, security, and building materials. "Electronics was a piece of our history rather than something for the future," said Roger Carr, Williams's chief executive. "When we look forward, fire and security are particularly important to us." The two divisions account for more than half of Williams's sales. Mr Carr expected the electronics business, in which Williams will retain a 20 per cent stake, "ultimately" to sall shares to become a publicly traded company. — Bloomberg

Bank of Scotland cuts rate

BANK of Scotland said its variable mortgage rate would be reduced from 7.24 per cent to 6.99 per cent from next Friday for new mortgage customers and from August 15 for existing borrowers. Stewart Henderson, head of branch operations, said: "With mortgage interest rates at their lowest for 30 years, the time has never been better to move house or take the first step on to the property ladder." — Extel



Ashkalani and Spinning World (striped sleeves), first and second in the French 2,000 Guineas, meet again at Ascot today

Ashkalani can make his mark

Ron Cox **HERE** the 2,000 Guineas at New-market lacked strength in depth, with no runners from France

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All out to beat Even Top last month.
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Ashkalani, winner of the French Guineas, and he faces another tough challenge from across the Channel in Spinning World, who beat Bijou d'Inde far more comprehensively when winning the Irish Guineas at The Curragh.

Form comparisons are of course open to different interpretations. What is not in doubt is the class of Ashka-lani, who made it four out of four at the expense of Spinning World at Longchamp

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who fairly ate up the ground in the final furlong to get within three-quarters of a length of Ashkalani. But things did not go en-tirely to plan for the winner either. He had beaten Spin-ning World four lengths on faster ground at Longthamp faster ground at Longchamp the previous month, and with conditions in his favour he

can confirm his superiority. Mick Kinane, deputising for the suspended Gerald Mosse, can employ the finish-ing speed of Ashkalani (3.45)

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Favourite backers will be Nottingham last week. He can looking to Kinane to get them off to a flying start on Charnwood Forest in the Queen Anne Stakes. The Godolphin colt, 5lb better with Soviet Line for a narrow beating at only attempt at 10 furlongs Newbury, has solid claims but with some firms betting a last season, deserves another shade of odds-on there is bet-

ter value elsewhere. Restructure (2.30) is an interesting alternative. Out of the same dam as Ardross, he has always looked the sort to improve with age and. raced colt overcame trouble ing speed of Ashkalani (3.45) following a pipe-opener be in running to beat the subse-to register his third St hind Luso at Newmarket, Ju-James's Palace success in the lie Cecil's colt shrugged off Romance (71b worse off here) 10st to win in good style at | and Spirito Libro at York.

continue to progress. First Island (3.05), who raced on the slower side of the track on unsuitably soft ground when beaten on his

chance over the trip in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes. He can set up an opening day double for Michael Hills,

Jones the crock finds crock of gold

Jones was larking about on a mountain bike in the Arizona desert when he unexpectedly came across a deep ditch. Hefell off, dislocating his shoulder and, he thought at the time, grazing his fingers. The shoulder injury was soon put right but one finger, his ring finger, was to prove a more severe problem. Liga-ments were torn, he could no longer grip a golf club prop-erly and for 3% years he thought his career might be

over. On Sunday, in the most glo rious fashion imaginable, he found out that it was not. He won the US Open champion-ship at the Oakland Hills course in Detroit with a final round of 69 for a total of 278, two under par. He was one of only three players under par at the end of a four-day tussle with the course they call The

Monster. The others, Davis Love III ing a 20ft downhill putt three feet short and missing the next, and Lehman, partnering Jones, drove into a bunker and left himself no chance of reaching the green of this 464yard hole.

Jones, by contrast, crushed his drive, leaving him with a seven-iron of 170 yards, a distance, he said afterwards, "which was perfect for me". He hit the shot exactly right, the ball pitching within a foot of the hole and rolling 10ft past for an almost certain four.

Lehman had to hit a pitch shot from maybe 90 yards. As soon as he struck it he was urging the ball to "get down, get down", and sure enough it rolled 20ft past the hole. His par-saving putt was never on line and Jones was left with what would normally be a erely sloping green".



Jones . . . perfect comeback

David Davies on the career-threatened player who became US Open champion

simple task, to two-putt from and the overnight leader Tom Lehman, both bogeyed the final hole. Love did so by leav- US Open, and the player con-US Open, and the player con-templating it had not played golf for 34 of the past five years and had not come close to a win in the time he had been back playing. He barely touched his first putt, which rolled 12 inches past the hole. "Had it gone another inch I

don't know if I could have holed it," he said, but that 12-inch putt gave him his championship and Jones, a devout Christian, gave thanks not just for the win but for the fact that he could play again.

Both Love and Lehman rued the fact that they had dropped shots when the pressure to do well was at its height, but there was the difficulty factor to consider as well. Jack Nicklaus, whose last US Open this was, described the 18th hole as "uphill severely bunkered, and to a very sev-

"These greens," he added,
"were not designed to be
played at the speed they are
this week." The course, designed by Donald Ross in
1921, had different grass on
the greens in those days, and the mowers that cut the grass down to its present height had not been invented. Over the four days of the

championship the 18th was rated the hardest hole on the course. Its scoring average was 4.5 and it saw only 26 birdies but 221 bogeys, 30 double bogeys and eight tri-ples or more. To par it when absolutely necessary made

Jones a worthy champion. Lehman, his playing part-ner and good friend — they go to Bible classes together bogeyed three holes in the back nine, including that fatal

Love partnered Colin Montgomerie and was out in a oneunder-par 34 which could, perhaps even should, have been 39 or 40. He hit only one fairway during that stretch but was lucky with his lies. and his wonderful short game saved him. Those who live by the putter eventually die by it, however, and that was

Love's story on the 18th. Montgomerie played quite stretch, entirely without luck, and despondency seemed to envelope him over the back

"You need two things to win a US Open," he said, "good play and good luck, and I had only the one." That is true, but it would be as well not to dwell on it, for it leads to the Why Me? syndrome to which the Scot is already a little too prone.

Nicklaus, who said that last year's Open championship at St Andrews would be his last. apart from the year 2000, felt that he was competitive this week and was now likely to be at Royal Lytham.

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Great chance for Easeby

ILF STOREY enjoyed his finest moment as a trainer when Great Easeby won at the Cheltenham Festival in March. Anyone viewing that as a flash in the pan might have to think again after today's Ascot Handicap,

writes Ron Cox. Great Easeby travels from County Durham with a firstrate chance. He needed a test of stamina over hurdles and has not had one since reverting to the Flat — until now.

Newcastle, Thirsk and Ripon, where he had Fujiyama Crest back in third, Great Easeby (5.30) can show what he is made of over this taxing two and a half miles.

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EURO 96

Dutch feel the force of disharmony and division

Martin Thorpe reports on problems besetting England's opponents in the final group game at Wembley tonight

money, others by the influence of one or two outsize personalities. At Euro 96 the Dutch camp

finds itself riven by a tension that is just as easy to under-stand, yet far more difficult to solve. It is a friction caused by the fact that several mem-bers of the squad have a dif-ferent colour skin from the

others.

It is hard to call it racist, impossible to judge who is right or wrong. The problem stems more from a clash of cultures and has been compounded by misunderstandings and tilted by perceptions. It came to a head last week when the midfielder Edgar Davids was sent home from the tournament after the player said of Guus Hiddink: "The coach should not put his head in the ass of some

The "some players" con-cerned are Danny Blind, the captain, and Ronald de Boer. the influential midfielder. Both are white and accustomed to conferring with Hiddink about team line-ups and

Davids is - or was - a central figure among those ers which negotiates salaries blacks in the squad who are with the Dutch FA. feeling upset at not being asked their

OME dressing rooms are disrupted by disputes over tactics or are proud. They just want to be recognised as people who have a major contribution to make. But they feel they are not being shown enough respect. It is not that they hate the whites. It is just that they feel the whites rule." And, as the defender Win-

"Black players always need to prove more than white ones." The main core of dissent emanates from a triumvirate of players who forged a close friendship over 10 years while rising through the Ajax youth system: Davids, Patrick Kluivert and Clarence Seedorf. Until Davids' expulsion they were inseparable in the training camp and, while

other players paired off, they always worked as a trio. The animosity between the two camps was fuelled two years ago when De Boer was given the right midfield position in the Ajax side after it had allegedly been promised to Seedorf. The latter blamed Blind. De Boer and the coach Louis van Gaal for this "betrayal" and walked out on the club to join Sampdoria. Recently Seedorf also tried

to join the committee of playwith the Dutch FA, feeling that there should be some



Welcome to Wembley . . . Dennis Bergkamp takes centre stage yesterday. Tonight he will be up against his Arsenal team-mate Tony Adams DAN SMITH

Boer, a respected thinker on the game. They also point to the inexperience of such youngsters as Kluivert, 19, Davids, 23, and Seedorf, 21. But then again De Boer is

There is also discernible irritation at the influence exerted on Seedorf by his father Clarence, who acts as his per-

A game. Matters came to a head last

week. Hiddink had tried to ignore the growing problem but then Blind publicly criti-cised the performances of See-dorf and Davids after the Dutch drew with Scotland. Although many felt that Blind's observations were valid. See dorf was furious and accused the captain of breaking the opinion. It is not necessarily black representation. He sonal manager and threat squad agreement that no that they hold a different failed.

Some think Hiddink is out of the tournament if he other. "This," said Seedorf,

Suppose, for instance, that Holland beat England two-nil and Switzerland beat Scotland by the same score. We then go to the coefficients

Group A

right to consult Blind, who is | was left out of the final Group | "is another example of the after all the captain, and De | A game. | lack of respect to us" — meaning the blacks.

Then came the Davids episode when, after the win over the Swiss, he allowed himself to be led by his emotions. Although Davids apologised for accusing Hiddink of mis-positioning his head, he would not retract the basis of his accusation and, after vowing that he had played his last match for Holland, the "Pit Bull" was finally muzzled by being sent home.

angry and frustrated and now allege that other blacks in the squad, such as Bogarde, Reiziger and Taument, are on their side. "There's more players involved than you

think," said Seedorf. The split in the camp was highlighted on Saturday when a photographer man-aged to sneek a shot of a squad barbecue showing the blacks sitting alone at one the performance on the pitch table. The Dutch coach was England will discover furious, although yesterday tonight.

Seedorf and Kluivert were the camp was sending up its angry and frustrated and now allege that other blacks in the mosphere here is good now," said Hiddink

Seedorf, meanwhile, was more non-commital. "I've more non-commital. talked about things with Hiddink, about what I want to happen, but we haven't fin-ished yet," he said. "There are some things we still have to resolve."

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EUT96 DIARY

EOPLE are suggesting that this column has become little more than a dumping-ground for our petty prejudices about Europeans, particularly Bulgarians. After careful thought and soulsearching we have decided to plead guilty. Yes, it's true and here is another extra-ordinary tale from Dimitar Penev's camp.

Yesterday, relations be-tween the players and their press corps sank to an all-time low after an article in Seven Day Sport compared the form of two defenders to the state of the bread shortage back home. You know the sort of thing: Ivanov was as much use as a Home Pride flour

grader on the take. Words were exchanged be-tween Hristo Stoichkov and SDS's esteemed correspondent at the press conference in Newcastle, which ended with the offending journalist being ordered out of the room. "It was not my pleasure to speak to him," said Stoich-kov. "I will only speak to people who tell the truth."

Spanish journalists also failed to meet his strict criteria, because The Excitable One cut short another reporter by calling all his questions "completely silly". Finally he turned his attention to the English contingent. Asked if he thought Bulgaria could win the tournament, Stoichkov replied: "Realistically, no." Why not? "Because we will not be allowed."

HE latest craze among Croatians is Blackburn Rovers shirts — and thereby hangs a tale. On being asked why they had swapped their own red and white checks for the blue and white stripes, two supporters
— neither of whom spoke English — pointed to the McEwans logo. Apparently it is the easiest way to order a beer in the pub.

ND so to China, where fatigue is starting to set in. Hearts are beating too fast. Blood pressure is soaring - and it's all the fault of Euro 96. Two Shanghai factory workers have been injured in accidents directly pair became exhausted after spending all night watching live coverage on television trate on the task in hand. Hospitals have also reported a rise in the number of fans complaining of heart problems and high blood pressure.

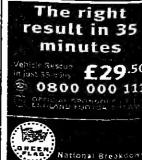
As IF Italy's manager Arrigo Sacchi did not live enough problems, he may soon be sleeping with the fishes after incurring the wrath of Salvatore Riina, the self-styled Mafia "Boss of Bosses". Riina is standing trial in connection with bombings which killed 10 people. But he took time out from his trial to pass judgment on the Italy team wholost 2-1 to the Czech Republic. 'He [Sacchi] used suicide tactics and made suicide choices," said Riina, choosing his words carefully.

F YOU were Dutch and had a brass band, what would you call it? The Amsterdam Ensemble, perhaps? Or Tulips with Tubas? Wrong. The band that follows Holland is called Half a Pint of Lager: Surely a case of right name, wrong team. They should be striking up for England.

Ridiculous haircuts No. 3:



Guardian readers might think his barnet admirable, but we disagree. Euro 96 is no place for pretty boys.



Pocket calculators ready?

Russell Thomas

TAND by for yellow-card fever to be followed by severe headaches as the main ailment of Euro 96 over the next two nights. Rapid mental gymnastics are required to work out the tortuous new Liefa system to find all the quarter-finalists. With only Croatia defi-

nitely through, and Turkey and Romania out, 13 countries are still vying for the remaining seven places in if England lose 5-0 to Holland the last eight. Even Russia, tonight, while Scotland beat with no points so far, incredibly have a chance of lengthen-ing their stay in England. Instead of simply separat-

ing teams level on points by calculating goal difference, Uefa has devised a formidable

ploying eight criteria, right down to coefficients, fair-play records and the last resort — or straw — of drawing lots. In reality the coefficient factor will avoid resort to the last two.
The prime difference now is

that, when two teams are equal on points, the first de terminant is the head-to-head outcome — that is, the result of the direct match between

Put crudely, it means that, the Swiss by the same score. Terry Venables's team would still qualify. Though the two British rivals would both have four points, and the Scots' superior goal differ-ence, last Saturday's result at

formula, theoretically em- | Wembley would remain paramount. When three teams are level,

goal difference in the matches of the teams in question will be used, followed by goals scored in those matches Then comes goal difference

followed by goals scored, before the decider of the coeffi-England, most of all, must

stand above only departing 2-0 defeat by the Dutch. coefficient casting out the

Group B

VICTORY for either France or Bulgaria tonight would definitely put them through as winners, and a draw would be enough for France to qualify irrespective of what bappens in Spain's same with better coefficient. Spain, if they win, can head the group on a number of permutations, including a 1-0 victory cou-pled with a 0-0 draw in the other game. The nightmare scenario is a 1-0 Spain win twinned with 1-1. That would

Group C

INCREDIBLY, any of the four could still get through here, take a four-coal defeat of the Germans by Italy, with a win for the Czech Republic against Russia, to deny Berti Vogts's team a quarter-final place. A win for Italy will put them through, but if both matches are drawn they will go out because of their defeat by the Czechs. A German win would leave a slight opening for the Russians, but they would have to win at Anfield, by a mini-mum of two goals, to sneak

Group D

RELATIVELY simple. Croatia are through and will top although it would probably this group with a draw or win gainst Portugal tomorrow at Nottingham. The Portuguese need a draw to be sure of qualifying and will finish on top if they beat the Croats. Denmark, facing homewardbound Turkey, have no choice. They must win their match at Hillsborough and hope the attack-minded Por-tuguese lose — but the Danes have a four-goal margin to make up, which gives the defending champions only the slimmest of survival chances.

Wigan to hold crisis talks as home attendances slide

Paul Fitzpatrick

WIGAN's crowd of 7,226 for the home match with Oldham on Sunday, their low-

cant fixture to date, but how ever big the crowd it cannot disguise a worrying trend for the game's most successful

But Wigan, the club with the game's biggest wage bill, will now hold urgent inqui-ries into their falling atten-

big crowds to come, starting with Friday's match with St Helens. But the Oldham attendance was very disappointing and was probably a combina-

est for seven years, has set off the alarm bells at a club who need to average 12,000 spectators a game to break even. The crowd of 17,873 for the Paris v Sheffield Eagles game at the Charlety Stadium in March remains the biggest Super League attendance so far. It should be overtaken on Friday when Wigan play St Helens at Central Park in the championship's most signifi-

It is still too early to say how successful or otherwise summer rugby has been. There are plenty of encourag-ing signs. Bradford, London, and Sheffield have seen significant crowd increases while Paris, in spite of their long run of defeats, are still

dances, which were down 2,000 on average during the Centenary season and which only twice have gone above

10,000 in Super League.
Jack Robinson, Wigan's chairman, admits to being worried. "We still have some "But I don't think Sunday

tion of several things. evening is proving to be a very good time for kick-offs.

We will now be looking at whether to go back to Sunday afternoons or switch to Friday evenings and that will be a major topic at this week's board meeting. We are looking at an average crowd of

12,000 to break even. Salford Reds have told Car-diff rugby union club that unless they receive £65,000 for David Young this week the transfer of the Wales rugby league captain will be called John Wilkinson, Salford's

chairman, said Cardiff had promised to pay the £65,000 within seven days when the deal was agreed two months ago. "But we are still waiting for the money in spite of numerous calls to Cardiff," he Paul Moriarty, the South

Wales back-row forward, will take over the captaincy of Wales from the injured Young for next week's European for next week's European Championship decider with England in Cardiff.
Clive Griffiths, the Wales coach, has named St Helens' Scott Gibbs and Cronulla Sharks' Allan Bateman in his squad. Gibbs missed Wales's first game with France because of injury, and Bateman was unable to escape his commitments in Australia.

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Diccon Edwards, the former Leicester. Newport and Wales A rugby union player currently settling in well on Castleford's left wing, is in-cluded in the 23-man squad.

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avoid the curse of the coefficient in this table they Turkey. The nightmare scenario for England is a twinned with a 2-0 win for the Swiss, which would leave the

in the group as a whole, again and Holland through, with cient. based on the qualifying the runners-up from Group B. games for Euro 92, USA 94 Scotland can go through only

A DRAW will put England the hosts on top and earning a Wembley quarter-tinal with

Scotland can go through only if England beat Holland. Still, to score three against the Swiss, because of Holland's better coefficient. Even if England lose 1-0, the Swiss would need to score three against the Scots to put Terry Venables's side out. A 2–0 win for the Swiss would be enough (on coefficients) if England lost by two goals.

mean coefficients - and Bulgaria out,

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HE name that the chair

man of selectors admit-ted he wanted to have first on his team-sheet was missing when Great Britain

announced their squad yesterday for next month's Olym-pic Games in Atlanta. Jonathan Edwards, the

world record holder and world champion in the triple jump, was a victim of a selec-

tion criterion he himself helped draft, and must now prove his fitness before the end of the month if he is to be

The selectors did not waver from picking the first two past the post in the weekend's AAA Championships, the pol-

icy they adopted after last year's trials were reduced to

an irrelevance as key competitors avoided taking part in their own events. The new guidelines had been written

in collaboration with Brit-ain's leading athletes, includ-

Edwards pulled out of the trials because of a bruised

right heel and strained left

knee. "Jonathan, by not com-peting his weekend, did not make himself available for selection," said David Crop-per, the chairman of selec-

tors. However, they expect to

add him among their final wave of selections after the

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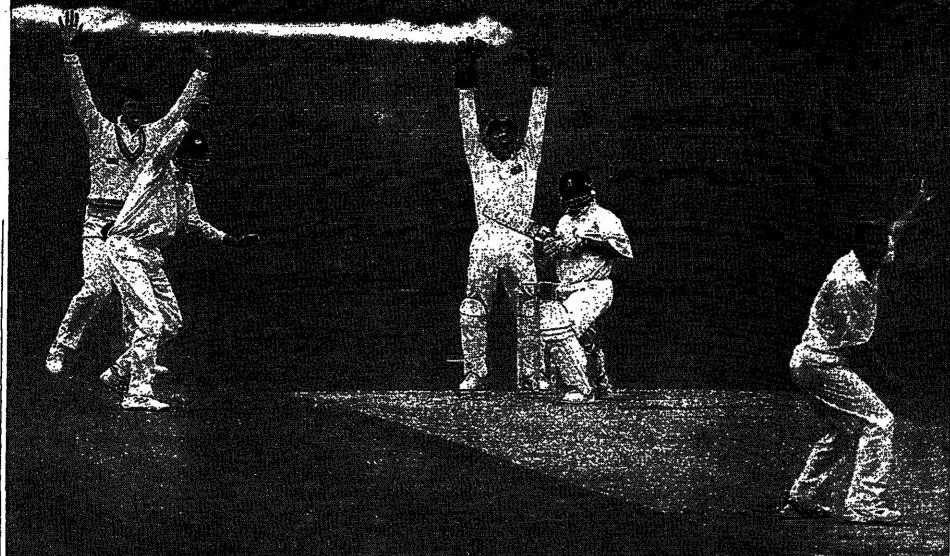
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David Hopps at Headingley

ANY of those who have observed this past week that Yorkshire are top of the championship have done so with knowing looks intended to communicate that it will be a momentary triumph. A place held just long enough to encourage some unwary boasting, at which point the vainglorious will be taunted by the usual ignominious slide into the bot-tom half of the table. Yorkshire's 10-wicket

victory against Warwick-shire, who have been forecast just as confidently to retain their title, insists that their challenge must be viewed in a different light. Both sides had entered the match still remorseful over defeats in the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals, and it was Yorkshire, despite losing an important toss, who responded tenaciously.

Warwickshire, 126 for four overnight, still 76 short of making Yorkshire bat again, possess enough lower-order nous to be capable of prolonged resistance. But Yorkshire took the last six wickets at regular intervals and breezed to a 28-run target soon after lunch.



Piper's lament . . . Warwickshire's wicketkeeper is trapped lbw by Richard Stemp, the final ball of the champions' second innings

Two wickets fell to Darren | Saturday, as he found sterbowled Welch and Giles fur-ther suggested that his vital inswinging yorker has returned with its old venom.

Gough, back to his most vi-brant. The delivertes that which changed the course of the match. He might be dismayed by his dropping by England but he is contemplating Leicestershire's It was Gough's maiden visit to Park Avenue this championship hundred on Thursday with relish.

Yorkshire are not the to avoid being caught off umpires and players that dismissing him on the tonghest opponents that the glove, would be disalsuch methods were against grounds of obstructing the Dominic Reeve has faced lowed in future came after the spirit of the game.

tonghest opponents that the glove, would be disallowed in future came after this season. The TCCB's behind-the-scenes lobbying ruling that the Warwickshire captain's tactic of deliberately throwing the bat away in a championship match against Hampshire, cricket secretary, advised in the season of obstructing the such methods were against the provide such methods were against the such methods were against the provide such methods were against the provide such methods were against the provide such methods were against the such methods were against the provide such methods were against the provide such methods were against field or — because the potential such methods were against the spirit of the game.

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All of which has led to pro-

"It's not something I've got a problem with," said Ed-wards. "It won't stop me go-ing to the Olympics." He will be hoping to prove his fitness in Helsinki next Tuesday.

Time to declare truce in a war of words When the top athletes were canvassed for their opinions on selection earlier this year, the European javelin cham-pion Steve Backley argued for the American system of firstthree-past-the-post. How grateful he must now be that this was never taken up, because like Edwards he has csedings today which them-selves are doing more to bring the game into disrepute been given extra time to prove his fitness after an Achilles operation seven weeks ago. He will leave it until the 11th hour to prove his fitness; he will compete in Gateshead only a few hours

before the selectors meet. Linford Christie has been selected for both the 100m and 200m, even though he said on Sunday that if he did decide to go to Atlanta he would not do the longer sprint.

Du'aine Ladeio has be reprimanded by the British Athletic Federation for his behaviour after Sunday's 400m. when he wagered Roger Black £1,000 that he would break the latter's new British record of 44.39sec. "The outburst was ill-timed," said Tony Ward,

the BAF spokesman.

John Duncan adds: The Sports Council conducted more than 70 tests on every qualifying British Olympic track-and-field athlete at the AAA Championships as part of its attempt to pass every Atlanta-bound Briton clean before the Games begin on

July 19. The samples taken will also be scrutinised on a high-resolution mass-spectrometry machine similar to one that will be used in Atlanta, which can help expose previously hid-

den signs of drug abuse.
The news came as the Sports Council unveiled the results of its doping-control programme for the past year, with 84 positives overall — up from 67 in 1994-95. The numally to 4,327 from 4,374.

Great Britain Olympic team

MENe 100cm I. Christie (Thermes Valley).

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(Groydon), Long Jampe D Lewin (Bruh-ilaid), Triple Jumpe A Hannes (Shring-Jury), M Griffith (Windsor), Shott J Oakes (Groydon), Discouse J Helicavian (Leburn), Javeline T Sandarance (House-low), S. Holroyd (Eants), Heptschilder

* Christie has said he does not plan to run

Surrey v Leicestershire

Lewis lets rip

David Foot at The Oval

T WAS a triumph of persistence by Surrey, and espectally Chris Lewis, as they beat Leicestershire by 108 runs with fewer than six overs left. Lewis, his face erched with horror at a rare dropped catch in the slip came back to redeem himself and demolish the lingering resistance to finish with five for 25, his best for Surrey.

Altogether it proved a wretched visit for Leicester-shire to south London. The previous day, in a pretence of a Sunday league match that was over in less than two hours, they had been bowled out for a thoroughly sheepish 48: not just in time for evensong but almost allowing them to catch the end of matins.

Yesterday they briefly seemed capable of winning and then certainly of drawing, having been set a target of 284 in 56 overs. Wells and Smith had both gone by the seventh over but Maddy stayed contemplatively for two hours and Whitaker was starting to score through the off side, square of the wicket. There was, however, too much nibbling. The pair went to catches behind the stumps; Brown held crucial catches at second slip and silly point: Surrey's fast bowlers toiled impressively; and Darren

Bicknell also weighed in with a timely success. Eventually it was left to Lewis By now he was at his an occasional first-class straightest and fastest. Par-bowler, was able to register sons knew little as he played on. Poor Pierson went first ball and Mulially, who had revealed batting talent on Saturday, now had his stumps insensitively rearranged. It

was no way to treat worthy

tailenders. Surrey had declared at 242 for six after Sixmons had taken four of the wickets They had begun, already with five down, at a preoccupied reverential tempo. Kersey, for instance, went more than an hour without scoring. But they had an eye on the "com-puter", and the rate quick-ened as Kersey got to 59 not out Lewis (36) had delicately chipped to short midwicket by then; Holliceke was undefeated on 37. Just before hinch the ap-

peals multiplied though Ray and in eight seasons has Trigger Inlies was having played only 58 matches.
Last season, when Anil Last season, when Anil more clear-cutificat that: as Lewis eventually made clear. • Robert Croft, the Glemor-gan off-spinner, did his team a good turn by taking six for 78 as Somerset were dismissed their second innings en, giving the home by John Emburey, and Roberts is back in the side. for 153 in their second innings side victory by I'M runs.

Mike Selvey says that, for the good of the sport's image, Raymond Illingworth should be treated leniently today OMMON sense in | whether his book, One-Man | may bring the game or any

the game is not to suffer the embarrassment either of removing the chairman of selectors from his office or comracted to the TCCB—he parhaps seeing him resign, it will be needed in good mea-sure today at Raymond Illingworth's disciplinary hearing. efore the Test and County

Kent v Middlesex

Mike Selvey at Canterbury

ENT and Middlesex, both sides bubbling near the top of the

championship table and

requiring a win to maintain

momentum, instead played

But the home side at least could not be wholly dissatis-

fied. They were required to make 299 to win in what

proved to be 68 overs, against

an erstwhile England spinner

and another who had taken eight wickets in an innings

only a week ago. And the

pitch was wearing so fourth-day nicely that Nigel Llong.

career-best figures in the

Kent made a bold start,

then lost four wickets in six

midstream overs before Mark

Ealham and Martin McCague,

Paul Weaver at Chelmsford

Kumble became the first leg-

spinner to take 100 wickets in a

season since 1971, Roberts

played just once. This summer

may decide his career. There is

no Kumble, the off-spinner Jer-

Essex v Northamptonshire

morning.

out a draw yesterday.

the English cricket Committee, written in associ-establishment can be as rare as beach broadcaster Jack Bannister, resorts on Bear Island. But if breaches board regulations

comments either in books or

Carr refuses to gamble

Middlesex had been 291

ahead at lunch and their cap-tain, John Carr, might have

declared their innings then. With notable lack of enter-

prise, given the nature of the

morning, when Patel took two

wickets including Carr's for 49 and Llong the last five for 21 in 8.5 overs, he chose not to. So Middlesex, one feels, got precisely what they deserved

for not having the confidence

to allow themselves more time to dismiss Kent, and for

Phil Tufnell once more aban-

doning too readily the art of spin-bowling on a receptive

pitch and substituting instead the unedifying spectacle of fizzing the ball into the

at a time when Kent were as he attempt nursing ambitions of winning the leg side.

not without the occasional and therefore had no option anxious moment, batted out but to play ball. But only last the final 30 overs. week Jack Russell was sug-

bowiers' rough and hoping.
It was a tactic which brought Tufnell three wickets a top edge to the wicketkeeper

means.

cricketer or group of cricket-ers into disrepute".

At issue today is not only the timing of the publication of the

book, which it is felt would better have been left until the chairman stands down from office at the end of the season, signed nothing when he was but also some of its passages, offered the job two years ago particularly those relating to and therefore is not subject to the infamous, not to say tethe same stringant vetting dions, series of spars with Devon Malcolm and the revealing of selection-com-

gesting that it reduces the

game to one of patience, where eventually stalemate

will occur and bets will not

even be required. And if it

drives spectators away, the

end will in no way justify the

Until the 32nd over Kent,

good chasers, played with pe-nache, reaching 152 for two,

with Matthew Fleming hit-

ting 11 fours and a six in 59, Trevor Ward, a cricketer close to England honours, 45 and Carl Hooper 25.

It was Tufnell who set them

back, bowling Hooper off his hand as the hall spat out of the footmarks, and then, after

Ward had top-edged Fraser to

midwicket, having Llong

a top edge to the wicketkeeper as he attempted to hoick over

ready said that he will mount | unauthorised allegations by | he was alleged to have made a strenuous defence, and he | Malcolm, for which the | to Malcolm in the nets in | will be represented at today's | bowler is believed to have | South Africa. hearing by Alan Herd, who, as Isn Botham's solicitor, has much experience of taking on the Board. Ironically, Herd was instrumental only two
weeks ago in eliciting from
Illingworth a grudging public
apology to Botham for deroga-

tory remarks made about him. It is likely that Illingworth's defence will take sev-eral forms: first, that the tim-ing of the book's publication and that of extracts in a newser was in the domain of the publisher, second, that his

bowler's behaviour. before the rest and County comments either in books of cricket Board Discipline the media — he is still bound mittee confidences.

Cricket Board Discipline the media — he is still bound by Board regulations which to by Board regulations which structive; and third, that in structive; and third, that in structive; and third, that in making specific comments have been except that Illing ready has abandoned subject to put the recommendation of the matter, and might charges, Illingworth can be commented a statement. The publisher, second, that in the publisher, second, that in structive; and third, that in making specific comments were fair and constant in the publisher, second, that it is the pub

In letting Malcolm off, the I tract as well. Illingworth will Board issued a statement expect no more than red which ought to have been the knuckles. Anything else, howend of the matter, and might ever, and the man who al-have been except that Illing ready has abandoned "hands

It is the Board.

It is the Board's handling of the Malcolm affair which has rankled most with Illingworth. Malcolm's criticisms of his dealings with the chairman contained an assertion—later withdrawn, but made rone the less—that Wing. — or at least ridicule — than any thresome squabbling between stubborn grown men who should know better, and which will serve only to line the pockets of the legal profession further.

none the less — that Illing-worth had been racially motivated in his criticism of the

received £10,000 from the

newspaper that carried them and no more than a wigging

Given the gentle treatment of Malcolm, who broke not only Board regulations but the terms of his touring con-

County Championship

Scoreboard

WORCS V NOTTS Worcesters Worcestersbire (10pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (10). WORCESTERSHIPE (10).
WORCESTERSHIPE First imings 495-9
doc (T M Moody 212, K R Spiring 64, S R
Lampit 50; Evans 5-116.
NOTTE Second innings 192 (R T Robinson 83, A A Meticalite 80, G F Archer 70),
WORCESTEINSHIPE
Second CESTERSHERE
ond busings (overnight: 105-1)
C Weston run out

Total (for 4 dec, 50 overs) 184
Fell of wickets oces: 118, 165, 165,
Did not best T S Curtis, S R Lampit, R K
Illingworth, P J Newport, M Rawnaley,
Sewtlag: Cairns 7-1-33-1; Pick
15-2-58-0; Afford 18-5-55-1; Bajes

MOTTENGHARSHERE Second Indiage
R T Robinson not out 111
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G F Archer c Moody b Newport 9
P Johnson c Curtis b Lampit 15
L N P Wallow c Leatherdale
b Illingworth 5
C L Calvan not out 1
Extres (b12, lb1, nb10) 28

Bates, R A Pick, J A Afford,
Bowlings Newport 15-2-41-1; Lampitt
11-2-30-1; Hick 12-4-37-1; Illingworth
14-8-14-1; Reprintley 7-4-11-0; Moody
4-1-13-0. HO. Hest R Paimer and G Sharp.

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Flendingley: Yorkshire (22ps) best Warwickshire (5) by 10 wickets.
WARWICKSHIRE First innings 306 (T L
Penney 125, D P Osser 85; Sough 4-63,
YORKSHIRE First innings 508 (M D
Mozon 131, D Gough 121, A McGrath 65;
Smith 5-127).
WARWICKSHIRE

Total (82.4 overs) 229
Fed coett 144, 161, 183, 188, 212
Bowlings Gough 22.4-60-2; Hartley
18-5-61-3; Stamp 23.4-10-4-2; White
4-1-7-0; Bevan 10-2-36-3; Sikverwood VORKSHIRE Second Inci M D Motor not out _____ M P Vaughan hot out ____

Total (for 0, 4.1 overs) 28
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McGrath, C White, †A J Blakey, D Gough,
P J Harriey, C EW Silverwood, R D Samp,
Rowlings Glies 2-0-12-0; Smith 2-0-15-0;
Khan 0,1-0-1-0.
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A P Grayson b Capel
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S G Law c Warren b Emburey
P J Prichard c Warren b Emburey
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R J Rollins libu b A R Roberts
A P Cowan nos out
A P Cowan nos out
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S J W Andrew not out
Extras (81, 83, nb4)

Total (for 8, 95 overs) Palls 48, 85, 133, 133, 137, 174, 200, Feet 45, 65, 135, 137, 174, 200, 200 Bewfflegt Taylor 12-3-31-0, Mellanc 7-2-17-0; Capel 7-1-19-1; Penbert 6-3-9-0; Emburey 32-16-48-4; A Roberts 29-10-70-3; Balley 2-0-8-0, Umpires G | Burgess and B J Meyer. GLAMORGAN V SOMERGET

CALAMORICAN v SOMERSHIT
Swamser Girmorgan (22ths) best Somerset (7) by 173 runs.
CLAMORICANS First Innings 316 (F A Cottey 112, H Morris 54; Floss 4-5).
SOMESSHIT First Innings 336 (A N Hayhurst 95, P D Sowier 73, M N Linitysed 65;
Kondrick 4-69, Wattin 4-47).
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G P Sutcher not out

A D S Croft c Turner b Shine

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S D Thomas not out

Total (for 7 dec. 101 overs) 30. 350, 341, Fall of wiskets count 27, 310, 330, 341, Diel auch tests N M Kendrick, B L Watter. Bernflegs: Caddick. 24–4-70–1; Brins 22–3-123-2; Batty 37–13-167–3; Ross 15–3-40-7, Parsons 3–2-2-0.

Total (75.2 overs) 18 Felt: 15, 59, 59, 59, 79, 99, 132, 138, 147,

D J Millis not out

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tournament for which they have qualified? A14: Holland.

96 the eventual winners in every post-war

Nasser Hussain, Ronnie Irani and Robert Rollins in quick ANDY ROBERTS, the Northamptonshire legsuccession, he looked capable spinner, should never be con- of winning the match. In the fused with the feared West end Essex, chasing a theoreti-rules fast bowler of the same cal 389 for victory, ended on Indies fast bowler of the same name. "Reggie." looks small 204 for eight and Northants, who have won all 12 of their enough to be the team mascot one-day games this season, are still looking for their first

when he took the wickets of

championship victory. On Friday, when Essex were 202 for one wicket in response to 214, they appeared the likely winners, but they were bowled out for 308. Northants were 325 runs ahead when they resumed

their second innings yester-day morning at 419 for seven. They batted for an hour. scoring another 63, before de claring at 482 for nine, setting Essex a target of 389 from a minimum of 78 overs. On a turning pitch, and with the yesterday. The visitors never hall no longer coming on, this | seriously pursued their target was never plausible.

Robert Bailey, the North- Houghton said: "We gave ants captain, was perhaps them a more than generous half an hour late with the dec target - the sort no one laration. The target was would leave us."

Moral victory for Roberts but Essex hold on For a while here yesterday, | never attractive enough to engage seriously the interest of the Essex batsmen, but they still lost eight wickets, seven of them to the spinners. At lunch Essex were 24 without loss; at tea, having lost Graham Gooch, caught behind, and Paul Grayson,

who was bowled, they were 118 for two and needed another 271 from 31. Stuart Law and Hussain both fell at 133 and when Irani was fifth out at 137, stumped jumping down the wicket,

Northants had a chance. They needed three wickets in the last over. Emburey had Peter Such caught at short leg first ball and then thought he had Steve Andrew lbw with his second. • Worcestershire's coach David Houghton criticised Nottinghamshire's approach

in the tame draw at New Road

of 296 in 69 overs and

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EURO 96: ENGLAND MEET HOLLAND TO ENSURE A QUARTER-FINAL PLACE



Adams . . . knows he has to stop his Arsenal team-mate

England must remember that on this occasion a draw is a better bet than a lottery



Report by **David Lacey**

Stiff opposition . . . England's striker Teddy Sheringham mesmerises the defence during training at Bisham yesterday

Adams-Bergkamp the key duel

ship tonight provided they remember that on

win the group and stay at Wembley. So, though chances will still need to be taken. risks are highly optional

A draw would send the Dutch to Anfield as runners-

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NGLAND should should Scotland be defeated passing skills than those English scene, reach the quarter finals of the European Champion land to beat Holland 1-0 while passing skills than those English scene, but at least Bergkamp was on the same Arsenal side. "He's other," Venables warned yes other, "Venables wa pean Champion- land to best Holland 1-0 while the Scots won 3-0 then both British teams would be in the this occasion a draw is a better bet than a lottery.

A point against Holland
would be enough for them to to acore three times against Jimmy Shand's band.

Terry Venables's approach to the match will harness the renewed confidence his players acquired by beating Scot

operates as an orthodox cen-tre-forward in Kluivert's ab-sence, Venables can hardly do up, and defeat would leave land 2-0 to the realisation them slightly more exposed to being overtaken by the Swiss, taxing problems of speed and anything else.

Three years ago Dennis
Bergkamp was the bane of
England's existence when Graham Taylor was trying to

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Wembley after going 2-0 down, and he found the net again when England lost 2-0 in Rotterdam. Tonight Bergkamp will be Tonight Bergkamp will be pitting his pace against Adams, whose lack of it has already brought the England captain a booking for hauling down Vogel in the Swiss game and led to Saturday's penalty for Scotland when he could only make a lunging tackle on Durie.

Adams has had a difficult

may rearrange some of the

The simplest switch should

see Southgate withdrawing from midfield to play along-

side Adams in a back four Since Guus Hiddink, the Hol

— and McManaman's roving it's going to be very hard for role is now crucial — but he me to kick him," Adams said laughingly yesterday, prompt-ing the more serious thought

Venables is unlikely to change the team land coach, is likely to persist with Cruyff and Hoekstra playing wide while Bergkamp -McManaman's roving role is now crucial - but he may rearrange some of the parts

qualify for the 1994 World Cup. He scored in the 2-2 draw the Dutch forced at that he might not get close enough to the Dutch striker even to joke about it. Another yellow card and Adams would be out of the quarter finals, leaving Venables with Southgate, Gary Neville and Campbell as the only members of his squad

with centre-back experience. This would not be an ideal state of affairs should England find themselves facing, say, Stoichkov at Wembley on Saturday.
"If you've got a yellow card,

it; I'll play my game. If I start worrying about cards I'm not doing my team justice." Campbell had better start

warming up.

England's lack of pace at centre-back and left-back was exposed by Turkyilmaz in the Swiss match, and Pearce did not survive half-time against Scotland. Phil Neville, younger and quicker, could be an option at left-back tonight, but will Venables jettison Pearce's experience at the start? another day.

Sheringham, who has now failed to exploit three free headers, two of them set up at the far post by identical free-kick ploys, has been another disappointment. Holland's defenders are nothing if not swift and at this level Sheringham's astute football ing brain cannot conceal his chronic slowness. Barmby may play a part some time

If team spirit counts for anything England should not fail now. The thumbs-up, tickety-boo approach of Venables's players might belong to a vanished age of sweet rationing and Vera Lynn, but better this than the public slanging season in the Premiership, and it's just like getting one matches that regularly overwhat with his knee operation, during a game, you've got to take the Dutch squad.

Don Beet

GIANLUCA VIALLI was enough for Italy's Euro 96 squad but Chelsea's player-manager Rund Gullit be-lieves the striker (right). signed from Juventus, will set the Premiership alight.

Two days before the game against Germany that could put Italy out of the European Championship, Vialli held his first news conference at Stamford Bridge, where he has agreed a three-year deal.

Vialli, who had agreed to resist a swipe at Italy's

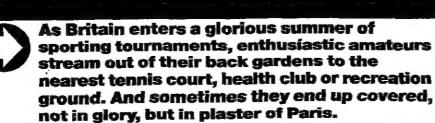


Gullit looks to Vialli to prove a point at Chelsea

sign for Chelsea bours after lifting the European Cup with Juventus, could not

coach Arrigo Sacchi, who left him out of the Euro 96 squad. "It will be difficult for me to get back into the national side with Sacchi as manager," he said, "but I hope to score many goals for Chelsea and that will put Sacchi in trouble." Gullit, who himself has signed a contract that will

signed a contract that was take him to 1998 with an op-tion to extend it to 2000, said of Vialli: "He has won every-thing in Italy and wanted a new adventure. It is an open game here and, with the passing game I want Chel-sea to play. Vialli will be perfect for the team."



Gloss finishes help cover up dull patterns all people, on Sunday night gave expression to the fanta-



England's two performances so far in Euro 96 is that the players have performed like carthorses while managing to score three goals of extrava-gant technical quality, fash-ioned by footballing imagina tion of the highest calibre.

This is not something we are used to seeing. If international football is a reflection of national characteristics, then surely England's goals should be the visible reward for dogged industry, the logical result of a systematic approach to the game, the

product — neat but not gaudy — of our recognised virtues. Instead we have witnessed the accumulation of four points not through logic or industry or systems, but via unexpected moments of inspiration — moments which eemed to have no real origin in their context.

What it all means is anyone's guess, and is no more susceptible to rational analysis than are England's chance of making further progress in competition which, except for Germany's justified confidence and Turkey's early bath, has been refreshingly

short on predictability. For other teams involved in Euro 96, goals have usually represented the end product of team strategies. There may not have been many goals in the early matches (an average of 1.87 per game), but a high proportion of them have been memorable, mostly for a mo-

years ago, when England Hristo Stoichkov's appreciknew they had to beat the ation of the possibility opened up by a Romanian defender's hosts in Stockholm to stay in slight stumble led to one. Enthe tournament. They lost, of course, and the saintly Gary rico Chiesa and Pierluigi Casiraghi both provided cameos Lineker was duly martyred. Tonight the demon king Alan Shearer, a bumping, of the Italian striker at his most deadly. Youri Djorkaeff's economical finish to Chrisboring centre-forward of the old school, may well guarantian Karembeu's precise pass was another exalted moment. When Ilya Tsimbalar slipped tee England's presence at the knockout stage this time. And a little touch of Bergkamp should be sufficient to ensure through the Italian defence he looked like Astaire dancing that Holland live to quarrel between the pillars of ancient Rome. Jürgen Klinsmann's first against Russia, a flick with the outside of his right boot must have been among Seringham or Barmoy, Snearer. MOLLAND (probable): Yan der Sarz Raiziger, De Kock, Bogarde, Blind, Seedorf or Winter, R de Boer, Willschge, Cruylf, Bergkamp, Hoekstra. the best he has scored. And Davor Suker's last-minute chip over Peter Schmeichel, of to strike.

sies of everyone who ever paid money to enjoy the skills of Stan Bowles, Frank Worthing-ton, Duncan McKenzie and Tony Currie — men willing like Suker, to take a gamble on

their own virtuosity.
When Alan Shearer scored ment, against Switzerland 10-days ago, it looked like an ab-erration in the context of England's general play. The swift exchange of short passes be tween the halfway line and the Swiss penalty area — Gas-coigne to Shearer. Shearer to Ince, Ince slicing the defence open with a perfectly paced return to Shearer, inviting the flerce shot inside the near post - bore little resemblance to anything else the team had been trying that day.

Similarly, Shearer's goal against Scotland last Saturday came from a different match; if not a different team. The lateral move, conveying the ball from right to left and back again via Ince, Redknapp and Anderton, and McManausna success in drawing the Scot tish left-back towards him in order to make the space for Gary Neville's cross, were a display of the patient probing so often admired in the footballers of other nations.

These two strikes were Terry Venables's reward for sticking by Shearer; not, I imagine, that he was ever in... two minds about the matter. The Blackburn forward scores a lot of goals, not many of them mundane. But they are seldom solo efforts, and it will take a few more to convince us that the team are capable of providing him with a regular supply of ammunition.

And then, of course, a threesecond burst of inspiration from Paul Gascoigne was, in eyes of many otherwise sober observers, more than enough to outweigh the technical defects so clearly on display. How extremely un-English

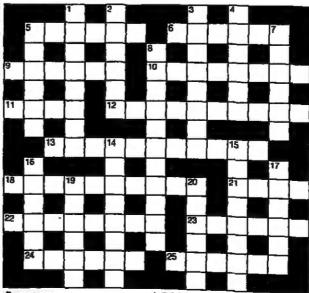
TMAKES life more interesting, if less comfortable. Two years ago no one would have envisioned Venables's stewardship cul-minating in an English dependency on isolated moments of,

The coach knows that tournaments like this are often. won by teams that discovertheir authentic collectives pression only during the course of the event, accorded o forces no one can control That may yet happen to England. More likely, on the bask of what we have seen so far, is that Venables will be keeping his fingers crossed, in the hope that lightning continues

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ENGLAND (probable) Seuman: G Adams, Southgate, Pearce or P Anderton, Gescolgne, Ince, McM Sheringham or Barmby, Shearer.



Across

5 Hard work, article? Catchy

6 Stay in custody to be

- watched (6) 9 Measure gold in falling star (6)
- 10 Wine sire ordered to go with fish (8)
- 11 Touched material in haberdashery (4) 12 A horse botted sadly, he
- breaking free from it? (6,4)
- 13 French sweet making poor English trifle look silly (11) 18 Gosh — op being put back leads to recovery through the body! (10)
- 21 Unsophisticated enthusiast returning to embrace one (4) 22. Rodent in classical land held by rebel (5,3)
- 23 Rubbish unknown in hish
- 24 It's most sensitive therefore put your feet up (6) 25 Part of tree below ground, as you'd say, in foreign city

Down

- 1 Rods sallor put down as navigational aid (4,4)
- 2 Island bomber (6)
- 3 Twit interrupted by bore, someone in trade (8)
- 4 Guided submarine to be waterproof? (6)
- 5 Country holiday region with ideal garden (6)
- 7 Hero of Lepanto reportedly
- in the tower (6) 8 it could deflect battle spear
- 14 in favour of locks to make place very secure (8) 15 Stretch limo seen in county

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